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ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND AND OF SOME OTHERS  
WHOSE GRANTS ARE NOT USUALLY RENEWED

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## EDITOR'S PREFACE

THE title of this Book has been modified by the addition of a sub-title in order to disarm criticism. The word 'Annuities' even in the last edition suffered violence by being made to cover weekly grants and biennially paid pensions, but on the present occasion not only has this stretching process been much more largely resorted to, but a few endowed Charities have been included which distribute their income in gifts to different individuals each year. The introduction of these latter was specially avoided in the last edition, but has now been decided upon, because it is thought that persons making use of this book in order to discover sources of Relief in Money for blind cases in which they are interested cannot be too fully informed of the existence of Endowments likely to afford assistance and not readily discoverable in any other publication.

Out of the seventy-three Charities described, all those whose offices are in London, twenty-four in number, distribute either the whole or a portion of their income in some form of help intended in normal cases to be recurrent, and of the remaining forty-nine, only four confine their help to recipients not the same year by year. It is hoped that a wise discretion has been exercised in including these.

With regard to the order of enumeration the edition of 1895

followed in Part I the arrangement of previous editions, while Part II was formed on the lines of Appendix XIV of the Report of the late Royal Commission on the Blind, &c. (Vol. II. p. 222).

The present edition has departed from these lines.

The Charities in Part I now follow an alphabetical plan and those in Part II are also arranged alphabetically under Counties.

Thirty-five Charities, all in England and Wales, were enumerated in the last edition; seventy-three have now been described, viz. the thirty-six which appeared in Appendix XIV of the Report of the Royal Commission, together with thirty-seven others. Six of these last will be found in Appendix XV of the same Report, thirteen have been noted in Mr. Henry J. Wilson's 'List of Societies in England and Wales which assist the Blind by way of Pension' (contained in his useful pamphlet, which gives information as to Institutions, Societies, and Classes for the Blind), and one has been founded since the last issue of that publication. Two of the remaining seventeen Charities have their Offices in London, two are in Lancashire, four in Yorkshire, four in Ireland, and five in Scotland. Of the Charities included for the first time, Howard's Marylebone Charity is probably the least known of those in London, while in the Provinces the Charities of Fenton, Fountain, Turner and Wintle, Miss Irving's Charity at Halifax, Harriet Haigh's Charity at Huddersfield, and the Dorothy Wilson Charity at York will be unfamiliar to many. Several of these are insignificant, but it seems curious that the first and last named should not have attracted the attention of the Royal Commission.

I have made full use of the Reports of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

Irish and Scottish Charities now for the first time find



a place in this book, but I do not pretend that my information with regard to them is complete, and think it very likely that in both countries Funds may exist which have escaped my notice.

Two of the four Charities enumerated in Ireland have been created only for the lives of special individuals, and there seem to be altogether under fifty pensioners on Irish Funds. It will be seen that the Blind of Ireland have little to depend on from Pension Charities established for their benefit in their own country.

The five Charities in Scotland, on the other hand, give pensions or allowances in all to about 350 blind persons. With regard to the latter country and the North of England, I have suffered much from the caution of the inhabitants, who do not readily make disclosures ; additional information of a harmless character as to the history of one Northern Trust is in my possession, but I have been asked not to make it public.

This edition will be found to differ from the last in two points : a full index has been added to it, and the General Register of blind Annuitants has been omitted. The General Register has been printed separately for private circulation.

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A TABLE OF 24 CHARITIES WHICH GRANT ANNUITIES, ETC., TO THE BLIND (WHOSE OFFICES ARE SITUATED IN LONDON)

Name.	When founded.	No. of persons benefited.	Amount out of which Annuities, etc., are paid.	Conditions other than Blindness, Poverty and Good Character.			Preference to.	Selection by.
				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
1. London—Association for promoting the General Welfare of the Blind	1856	23	£ s. d. 376 0 0	No limit	No limit	Total or partial inability to work	Old Pupils of the Institution	Committee
2. London—Bath, Blind School Home Trust	1897	9	279 0 0			Pupils of the Institution—now closed		
3. London—Blind Female Annuity Society	1875	8	61 0 0			Widows or Spinsters		
4. London—Blind Man's Friend or Day's Charity	1836	250	3520 0 0	21 and upwards	United Kingdom	Must not have received poor law relief during two years preceding appointment		Trustees
5. London—Clothworkers' Company West's 7 Gifts	1718 to 1724	524	3952 7 0	50 and upwards		3 years blind except in cases of sudden accident. No income or other pension exceeding £20 a year. Not an inmate of a Workhouse or a Public Institution, nor a mendicant	West's kin, then Blind of Newbury, Reading, Twickenham, Isleworth, Richmond, City of London, its liberties and Henley-on-Thames. Preference is also given to the aged	Court of Company
Gregory's Gift	1845	1	4 0 0	50 and upwards		One of the three most aged blind pensioners of company	Member of Company	
Cornell's Gift	1850	7	79 0 0	50 and upwards			Members of Company and subject thereto	
Newnam's Gift	1810	40	400 10 0	50 and upwards		3 years blind except in cases of sudden accident. No income or other pension exceeding £20 a year. Not an inmate of a Workhouse or Public Institution, nor a mendicant	to Citizens of London	
Thwaytes' Gift	1835	95	818 0 0	50 and upwards		3 years blind except in cases of sudden accident. No income or other pension exceeding £20 a year. Not an inmate of a Workhouse or Public Institution, nor a mendicant		

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Name.	When founded.	No. of persons benefited.	Amount out of which Annuities,* are paid. £. s. d.	Conditions other than Blindness, Poverty and Good Character.			Preference to.	Selection by.
				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
Acton's Gift	1837	4	42 0 0	50 and upwards		3 years blind except in cases of sudden accident. No income or other pension exceeding £20 a year. Not an inmate of a Workhouse or Public Institution, nor a mendicant		
Love's Gift	1805	1		50 and upwards		3 years blind except in cases of sudden accident. No income or other pension exceeding £20 a year. Not an inmate of a Workhouse or Public Institution, nor a mendicant		Master of Company
Wing's Gift	1889	84	1750 0 0	40 and upwards, restriction not absolute		Persons who have been in a better station of life. No income or pension exceeding £50 a year	Persons becoming blind after maturity	
6. London—Cordwainers' Company Came's Gift	1796	116		45 and upwards men, 40 and upwards married women, 30 & upwards widows and spinsters	London or within 100 miles thereof	Must not have received parish relief, not a mendicant		Court of Company
Love's Gift	1805	1	£7 to £8			Most aged pensioner on list of Came's pensioners in lieu of Came's pension		
Woolnough's Gift	1863	1	3 0 0			Pensioner longest on list of Came's pensioners in addition to Came's pension		
7. London—Drapers' Company Granger's Gift	1784	12	60 0 0 (yearly average) 2865 0 0	No limit		Not in receipt of parish relief		Court of Company
8. London—Gardner's Trust for the Blind	1879	225		No limit		Not in receipt of parish relief, not street musicians; intermarriage of Blind persons deprecated		Trustees

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				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
9. London—Goldsmiths' Company Farmer's Charity	1813	10	£ s. d. 4 0 0 (original arrangement)	50 and upwards		Not in receipt of any other charity for the Blind; no income exceeding £25 a year	1. Freemen of Company who are of the Craft 2. Other Freemen of Company and their widows 3. Freemen of City of London and their widows 4. Residents in Middlesex	Court of Company
Cureton's Charity	1838 to 1848	5	100 0 0				Freemen of Company and their widows	
General Corporate Fund	1874	60	120 0 0	No limit	Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Herts, or Surrey United Kingdom	Governesses, single or widows. No income exceeding £30 from secured sources, £50 from employment, £60 total income	Freemen of Company and their widows	Votes of Subscribers after death of Donors
10. London—Governesses' Benevolent Institution	1843	5	165 0 0	50 and upwards		Members of Church of England, must live with Friends to whom annuity is paid		Trustees
11. London—Hon. Frances Harley's Charity for Poor Blind Persons	1841	12	240 0 0	No limit				General Court of Governors
12. London—Rev. William Hetherington's Charity for the Aged Blind	1774	775	7750 0 0	55 and upwards	England, excluding Wales and Berwick-on-Tweed	3 years blind; 2 years in place of residence at time of petitioning. No income or pension exceeding £20 a year. Must have held higher position than labourer or servant. Must never have been a mendicant nor received parish relief		
13. London—Howard's Charity for the Blind, St. Marylebone	1855	36	28 13 8		Parish of St. Marylebone			Rector of Parish

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				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
14. London—Hunston's Charity for the Blind, Aldgate	1777	5	64 5 5	No limit, Men, or Women or Children	1. Parish of St. Botolph without 2. Parish of St. Botolph within 3. Parish of St. John, Wapping 4. Parish of St. Paul, Shadwell	Not in receipt of parish relief	Lightermen or Watermen and their widows and children	Executors and Minister and Church Warden of St. Botolph without, Aldgate
15. London—Indigent Blind Visiting Society	1834	142	138 0 0	No limit	London and vicinity	Not a mendicant, not married to a blind person		Committee
16. London—Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish persuasion	1819	75	1950 0 0	No limit	Five years resident in England	Jewish persuasion. Not in receipt of relief from any similar society		General Court
17. London National Blind Relief Society	1843	768	4851 3 11	18 and upwards	United Kingdom	Not a mendicant nor a street musician. Income not exceeding £20 a year if single—£30 if married		Committee after nomination by subscriber & Life Governor
18. London—Painter Stainers' Company	1781 to 1857	180	1800 0 0	61 and upwards	Birthplace in England excluding Wales & Scotland	Three years blind, three years in parish or place of residence at time of petitioning, never a mendicant nor in receipt of poor law relief. No income or pension exceeding £10 a year		Court of Company
19. London—Joanna Rashdale's Charity for Blind Women	1797	5	25 0 0	No limit		Women only		Committee of Gardner's Trust
20. London—Royal Blind Pension Society of the United Kingdom	1863	1316	10931 14 0	21 and upwards		No income exceeding £20 if single, £30 if married or widowed with children dependent. Not a mendicant nor a street musician		Votes of subscribers

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				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
21. London—School for the Indigent Blind, London and Leatherhead, Surrey : Bird's Annuities Williams' Annuities Country Asylum Fund Johnson's Annuities Randall's Annuities London—Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind	1827 1865 1871 1895 1881 1858	6 6 5 5 3 250	23 18 0 33 12 0 26 5 0 28 10 0 16 6 0 2483 0 0	No limit   40 and upwards	No limit	Old Pupils of Institution		Committee
22. London—Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind					No limit	Not in receipt of parish relief during two years preceding application. Not a mendicant, nor street musician. Inter-marriage with a blind person deprecated		Votes of subscribers after nomination ; approval by Committee
23. London—Somers Town Blind Aid Society	1864	136	610 10 0	No limit	No limit			Committee
24. London—South London Association for Assisting the Blind	1863	46	96 0 0	No limit	No limit			Committee



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Name.	When founded.	No. of persons benefited. †	Amount out of which Annuities, etc., are paid. *	Conditions other than Blindness, Poverty and Good Character.			Preference to.	Selection by.
				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
25. Berkshire—Reading Blind Aid Society	1893	15	£ s. d. 75 0 0	Adult	Reading			Trustees
26. Berkshire—Wokingham Municipal Charities	1829	4	20 0 0	No limit	Hurst or Ruscombe Towns of Penzance, Camborne and Redruth or parishes of St. Erth, Madron, Gulval, Paul, Sancreed, St. Just, St. Burian, St. Levan, Sennen, and Ludgvan	Not in receipt of parish relief		Trustees
27. Cornwall—Dowager Lady Robinson's Fund for the Blind, Penzance	1905	33		No limit	Cockermouth			Trustees
28. Cumberland—Hudson's Charity, Cockermouth	1872	3	10 0 0	50 and upwards				Trustees
29. Devonshire—West of England Institution for the Instruction and Employment of the Blind from Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset	1839	4	38 2 8	No limit		Pupils or Assistants of Institution		
30. Devonshire—Hazelwood Trust	1904	7	82 0 0	No limit	Radius of 20 miles round Loddswell, South Devon			Trustees
31. Essex, Chigwell United Charities	1804	1	2 6 8	No limit	In or near Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill	Women		Trustees

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				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
32. Gloucestershire—Alderman John Merlott's Charity to the Blind, Bristol	1784	47	£ s. d. 470 0 0	50 and upwards	Great Britain	Three years blind, must not have received parish relief, not mendicants, no assured income for life exceeding £20 a year		Trustees of Bristol Municipal Charities
33. Gloucestershire—School of Industry for the Blind, Bristol	1856	18	31 10 0	No limit		Unmarried women, pupils of school, not in receipt of parish relief		Trustees
34. Gloucestershire—John Wintle's Charity, Gloucester	1845	8	6 17 0	No limit	a. St. Michael's Parish, Gloucester b. City of Gloucester c. County of Gloucester			Rector and Churchwardens of St. Michael's, Gloucester
35. Hampshire—Portsmouth Municipal Charities	1901	19	570 0 0	30 and upwards	Born in Hants, and resident there at time of election and for the five years preceding			Corporation of Portsmouth
36. Hertfordshire—Benjamin Collett's Charity, Hemel Hempstead	1813	4	11 16 0	No limit	Kent		Residents in or near Hemel Hempstead	
37. Kent—Mrs. Elizabeth Denward's Charity for the Blind of Kent	1805	12	45 0 0	No limit				Rector and Churchwardens of Upper Hardres - cum - Stelling Committee
38. Lancashire—Liverpool Workshops and Home Teaching Society for the outdoor Blind		8	131 6 0	No limit		Employees of Liverpool Workshops		
39. Lancashire—Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester	1905	55	646 0 0	No limit			Residents of County Borough of Rochdale or Urban districts of Littleborough, Minton, Norden, Wardle and Whitworth	Governors of Asylum

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40. Lancashire—Rochdale and District Society for visiting and instructing the Blind	1903	24	£ 37 2 0	No limit				
41. Lancashire—Rossendale Society for visiting and instructing the Blind	1890	6	36 0 0	No limit		Must not have received parish relief		
42. Leicestershire—Miss Sarah Barlow's Charity for blind women Leicester	1886	10	87 10 0	No limit	Town and County of Leicester	Women		Trustee
43. Northamptonshire—George Phillips' Charity, Northampton	1899	4	26 0 0	No limit	Town or County of Northampton at least during the two years preceding appointment	Never to have taken poor law relief	Person longest resident in stipulated area	Trustees
44. Northamptonshire—Clifton's Charity, Oundle	about 1785	2	9 8 3	No limit	Oundle			Feoffees of Oundle Town Estates
45. Oxfordshire—Henley-on-Thames Municipal Charities	1835	1	4 7 4	No limit	Henley			Charity Trustees
46. Oxfordshire—Oxford Municipal Charities (Haynes's & Woodington's)	1806	6	91 16 0	No limit	City of Oxford during the five years preceding appointment	Must not have received poor law relief for three years preceding time of grant	St. Ebbe's Parish (Woodington's)	Trustees
47. Staffordshire—Alice Fenton's Charity	1782	1	5 4 0	No limit	County of Stafford			Trustees
48. Suffolk—Ipswich and Suffolk Institution for providing relief and additional comfort to the Blind	1874 about	13	63 0 0	No limit	Ipswich and Suffolk			Committee

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				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
49. Sussex—Fuller's Charity to the Blind of Sussex	1795	6	£ s. d. 60 0 0	No limit	County of Sussex	Must not have intermarried with a blind person, be in receipt of parish relief; have permitted transfer of benefit; not a mendicant, nor street musician, not guilty of drunkenness or other misconduct	Members of Staff or pupils, etc., of institution	Trustees Committee of the General Institution for the Blind, Birmingham
50. Warwickshire—Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind	1908			No limit				
51. Worcestershire—Worcester Municipal Charities	1906	20		No limit	County of Worcester for five years	Employees of Institution	Employees of Institution longest employed	Ladies' Committee of the Institution
52. Yorkshire—Bradford Incorporated Institution for the Blind	1884	32	170 0 0	No limit	City of Bradford for last five years			
53. Yorkshire—Society for the Home Teaching and Assistance of the Halifax Blind	1887	30	110 10 0	No limit	Halifax	Not in receipt of poor law relief	Residents of parish of St. Paul's, Armitage Bridge & Townships of Crosland & Honley	Trustees Vicar of St. Paul's, Armitage Bridge
54. Yorkshire—Miss Irving's Charity for the Aged Blind, Halifax	1885	10	10 0 0	50 and upwards	Parish of Halifax			
55. Yorkshire—Harriet Haigh's Charity, Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield	1889	7	4 10 0			Not a mendicant, nor street musician. Canvassing by candidates prohibited		Committee Trustees
56. Yorkshire—United Institution for the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb, Leeds	1886	3	15 0 0	No limit				
57. Yorkshire—Sheffield Institution for the Blind		10		21 and upwards	Sheffield during 5 years preceding application	Not a mendicant, nor street musician. Canvassing by candidates prohibited		
58. Yorkshire—Whitby Trust for the Blind	1905	7	36 15 0	No limit	Rural & Urban District of Whitby			

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				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
59. Yorkshire—York Emanuel	1781	30-35	£ 496 4 0	No limit	United Kingdom City or Suburbs of York	Ministers of all denominations and their wives and children		Governors Trustees
60. Yorkshire—Dorothy Wilson's Charity	1717	5	64 0 0					Governors
61. Yorkshire—School for the Blind	1833	20	36 4 1					
62. Carmarthenshire—Blind Relief Society	1860	23	48 0 0	No limit	County of Carmarthen	Employees of Institution		Trustees
63. Glamorganshire—Cardiff Institute for the Blind	1886	7	35 0 0	No limit				
64. Pembrokehire—Blind Relief Society, Haverfordwest	1861	18	54 0 0	Aged	Pembrokeshire	Must be recommended by clergyman or district visitor of parish and unable to support themselves		Committee
65. Ireland—Belfast Society for Home Mission Work among the Blind in Ireland	1891	27	85 10 0	No limit	Ireland			
66. Ireland—Association for relief of Indigent Blind and Lending Library, Dublin	1857	18	122 2 0	No limit	Dublin			Recommendation of subscribers
67. Ireland—National Institution and Molyneux Asylum for the Female Blind of Ireland, Leeson Park, Dublin	1815	1	12 0 0	Aged	Ireland	Protestant Female Blind		Trustees
68. Ireland—St. Joseph's Asylum and School for Male Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin	1859	1						
69. Scotland—Webster and Davidson Mortification, Dundee		52		21 and upwards	Within three miles radius of Dundee	No income exceeding £20 a year, not in receipt of parish relief		

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Name.	When founded.	No. of persons benefited.	Amount out of which Annuities, etc., are paid.*	Conditions other than Blindness, Poverty and Good Character.			Preference to.	Selection by.
				Age.	Residence.	Other Conditions.		
70. Scotland — Mrs. Jane Stoble Clark Fund, Edinburgh	1885	30	£ s. d.	No limit		Women		Trustees
71. Scotland — Edinburgh and South-East of Scotland Society for teaching the Blind to Read		48		No limit	Edinburgh and South-Eastern District of Scotland			
72. Scotland — Royal Blind Asylum and School	1793	138	523 0 0	No limit	Scotland	Not beneficiaries of any other Institution for the Blind		Directors
73. Scotland — Mission to the Outdoor Blind for Glasgow and the West of Scotland	1859	80	375 18 0	No limit	Glasgow and Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Dumbarton, Bute & Argyll			Committee
Ladies Auxiliary	1864 about		284 19 0	No limit	Glasgow and Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Dumbarton, Bute & Argyll	Women		

N.B.—From the foregoing tables it will be seen that there are Blind Charities either exclusively or with preference for the benefit of the following persons : Inhabitants of England, United Kingdom, Ireland, Scotland ; inhabitants of the counties of Carmarthen, Essex, Hants, Kent, Leicester, Middlesex, Northampton, Pembrokehire, Staffs., Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Worcester ; inhabitants of the following towns and districts : Bradford, Buckhurst Hill, Camborne, Chigwell, Cockermouth, Crosland, Dublin, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Gloucester, Halifax, Hemel Hempstead, Henley, Honley, Hurst, Ipswich, Isleworth, Leicester, Littleborough, Loddsworth, Milnrow, Newbury, Norden Wardle, Northampton, Oundle, Oxford, Penzance, Reading, Redruth, Rochdale, Ruscombe, Richmond (Surrey), Sheffield, Whitby, Whitworth, York ; parishioners of St. Botolph's within, Aldgate, St. Botolph's without, St. John's, Wapping, St. Paul's, Shadwell ; Erth, Madron, Gulval, Paul, Sauced, St. Just, St. Burian, St. Levan, Sennen and Ludgvan (Cornwall), St. Michael's, Gloucester, Halifax, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, St. Paul's, Armitage Bridge ; workers or pupils at the following institutions : School for Indigent Blind, Institution for General Welfare of the Blind, Cardiff Institute, West of England Institution, Liverpool Workshops, Birmingham Royal Institution ; and for (a) Members of Church of England, (b) Jews, (c) Governesses, (d) Members of Clothworkers' Company, (e) Freeman of Goldsmiths' Company or of City of London or their widows, (f) Lightermen and Watermen, and their widows and children, (g) Ministers and their wives and children.

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CHARITIES WHOSE OFFICES ARE IN  
ENGLAND AND WALES

PART I.—LONDON



I.—LONDON.—ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING THE  
GENERAL WELFARE OF THE BLIND

258 TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD, W.

*Address*—HOWARD E. MULLINS, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 23 blind persons.*

There are no conditions beyond blindness and poverty. The amount of Pension for life is regulated by the Committee and the condition of the funds, and Pensions are now only granted to the old workers of the Institution.

The lowest age among the present Annuitants is 45 and the highest 67.

The Pensions vary according to the length of employment and character.

The total expended in Pensions, in 1909, was £376.

The Association, which was founded in 1856 by Miss Gilbert, the blind daughter of a former Bishop of Chichester, has extensive workshops and employs over 80 blind work-people, at the Institution and at their own homes; it trains the young in Trades, gives them work when trained, and pensions in old age.

The Society also relieves a number of persons by *gifts*, and expended £424 in this way in 1909.

There is a Sick Club managed by the Blind, presided over by the Secretary.

## II.—LONDON.—BATH BLIND SCHOOL HOME TRUST

*Address*—ROYAL BLIND PENSION SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM (Q.V.).

*Grants Annuities to 9 blind women.*

In the year 1897 an arrangement was concluded with the Trustees of the above, with the approval of the Chancery Division of the High Court, whereby the Royal Blind Pension Society is now paying Annuities to the former inmates of the Bath Blind School Home now closed. In consideration thereof, the Trust Funds of the Home, amounting to £7127 14s. 4d., have been deposited in the Court of Chancery, to be held in Trust until the several Annuities have expired, the dividends being paid from time to time to the Royal Blind Pension Society

### III.—LONDON.—BLIND FEMALE ANNUITY SOCIETY

*Address*—ROYAL BLIND PENSION SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM (Q.V.).

*Grants Annuities to 8 blind women.*

This Society commenced operations, in consequence of the closing, in September 1875, of the Home of the Blind, established fourteen years previously by Mrs. Jameson, at 62 Loudoun Road. Mrs. Jameson, from her experience, had been led to think that *annuities*, as a supplemental help to the Blind, leaving them free to choose their own abode, might possibly be a truer kindness than placing them together in a regular Hostel or Home.

The Subscribers to the old Home, with very few exceptions, gave their support to the Annuity Society. Mrs. Jameson died in October 1875, and left the sum of £200 to the Blind Female Annuity Society.

The object of the Society was to assist (by means of periodical payments not exceeding Ten Pounds per annum) respectable blind women, being either widows or spinsters, to whom such additional means of support will secure the necessities of life

In pursuance of Resolutions passed at Special Meetings of the Subscribers, arrangements were concluded whereby the Blind Female Annuity Society became amalgamated with the Royal Blind Pension Society from July 1, 1894.

The Annuities of the Blind Female Annuity Society are now paid by the Royal Blind Pension Society.

The Reserve Fund of the Blind Female Annuity Society, consisting of £1067 18s. 7*d.* Consols and £1476 15s. 4*d.* 4 per cent. Cape of Good Hope Stock, was transferred to the Royal Blind Pension Society, in the names of Francis A. Bevan, Esq., and F. Peterson Ward, Esq., Trustees of the Blind Female Annuity Society, and John C. Bumsted, Esq., Treasurer of the Royal Blind Pension Society.

The Contributions received from the Subscribers to the Blind Female Annuity Society now appear in the general list, votes for which are allowed according to the rules of the Royal Blind Pension Society.

The Blind Female Annuity Society still has for the purpose of this work a separate existence, there being eight original annuitants whose names are published in a separate list by the now united Charities : of these 2 receive £10 ; 1 receives £6 ; and 5 receive £5.

#### IV.—LONDON.—BLIND MAN'S FRIEND OR DAY'S CHARITY

CLOTHWORKERS' HALL, 41 MINCING LANE, E.C.

*Address*—P. M. EVANS, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 250 Blind Persons.*

CHARLES DAY (of the firm of Day & Martin, Blacking-makers), by his Will, dated May 1, 1834, left the sum of £100,000, for the benefit of persons suffering under the affliction which he himself had experienced, the deprivation of light. Objections having been raised to certain provisions in the Will, the Court of Chancery, by three Orders, dated respectively June 15, 1841, March 15, 1842, and July 16, 1843, settled a Scheme, and placed the funds in trust with the Accountant-General, for the interest of the Blind Man's Friend Charity, and further ordered that the interest should be paid to the Trustees of the Will, to be distributed by them in the manner set forth by the Testator.

This arrangement continued in operation until 1908, when it was superseded by a Scheme made by the Charity Commissioners and sealed July 21, 1908, the object being to bring up to date the regulations for the administration of the Charity and so to secure its greater efficiency.

A few further amendments of the last-mentioned Scheme have since been carried out by an amending Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated March 15, 1910.

The gross annual Income derived from the Endowment of the Charity amounts to £3699, of which £3520 is appropriated for the payment of pensions as follows :

40 pensions at £20.	Class A	. . . . .	£800
50 pensions at £16.	Class B	. . . . .	800
160 pensions at £12.	Class C	. . . . .	1920
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			£3520
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Owing to the generosity of the Clothworkers' Company, who have undertaken all the Secretarial work in connexion with this Charity and provided Office accommodation at Clothworkers' Hall free of charge, the funds of the Charity are relieved of any annual charge for administration and management expenses.

A pension of £100 a year is payable under the Scheme to the late Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Pinder Simpson.

Applicants must be blind persons of good character, of not less than 21 years of age—preference being given to older applicants. They must be in distressed or dependent circumstances, resident in the United Kingdom, and not have received Poor-law relief other than temporary out-door medical relief during the period of two years next preceding the time of their appointment. The Pensions are now granted for a term of three years in the first instance, but may be prolonged by the Trustees if they see fit. They are also subject to Regulations made by the Trustees from time to time.

Blank Petitions are issued from the Office of the Trustees between the hours of Eleven and Three o'clock.

Petitions with the annexed certificates of birth, blindness, and marriage (if married) properly filled up and signed, are to be forwarded to the Office of the Trustees, Clothworkers' Hall, 41 Mincing Lane, London.



V.—LONDON.—CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY

CLOTHWORKERS' HALL, 41 MINCING LANE, E.C.

*Address*—P. M. EVANS, ESQ. (*Clerk*).

*Grants Annuities to nearly 1000 blind persons.*

JOHN and FRANCES WEST (1), by indentures of lease and release dated May 23 and 24, 1718, conveyed in Trust to the Clothworkers' Company a yearly rent charge of £4 7s. 4d. out of a tenement in Cornhill, and a Fee Farm rent of 12s. 4d. out of a tenement in Lombard Street, and also property in Hammer-smith and Twickenham now producing £344 13s. 6d. per annum. This Trust is for poor blind persons, one half men and the other half women, as far as the said rents, &c., at the rate of £5 a year each, extend. Poor blind persons being kindred of Mr. and Mrs. West to be preferred, then blind persons of Newbury or Reading.

JOHN and FRANCES WEST (2), by similar indentures dated December 23 and 24, 1718, conveyed to the Company premises in Old Street and Whitecross Street now supplemented by ground rents at West Hackney, and producing in all £294 5s. per annum. This Trust, after similar preferences for blind persons being kindred of Mr. and Mrs. West (irrespective of their place of residence), is for poor blind persons, one half men and the other half women of Isleworth, Richmond or Twickenham.

JOHN and FRANCES WEST (3), by an indenture dated

December 23, 1719, conveyed to the Company certain premises in the Poultry which are now represented by Ground Rents at West Hackney producing £532 13s. per annum. This Trust is for poor blind persons generally with preference for blind kindred of Mr. and Mrs. West.

FRANCES WEST (4), by indentures dated January 8 and 9, 1723-4 conveyed to the Company property now represented by Ground Rents at West Hackney and Muswell Hill producing in all £1652 2s. 6d. per annum. This Trust is for poor blind persons, one half men and the other half women, living in the City of London its liberties, with preference for blind kindred of Mr. and Mrs. West living in the City of London its liberties.

FRANCES WEST (5), by indentures dated December 11 and 12, 1723, conveyed to the Company property now represented by Ground Rents and Stocks producing £1326 19s. 6d. per annum. Two-thirds of this Trust is for poor blind men and women. The other third is for other Trusts not connected with the Blind.

FRANCES WEST (6), by a Codicil to her Will (the Will is dated December 28, 1723, and the Codicil March 24, 1723-4), bequeathed to the Company property now represented by Ground Rents at West Hackney producing £178 per annum. This Trust is for poor blind men and women in the City of London its liberties, with preference for kindred of Mr. and Mrs. West. Also blind persons of Reading, Newbury and Twickenham are to have preference before the Blind of the City of London its liberties.

FRANCES WEST (7), by a Codicil dated November 12, 1724, bequeathed to the Company property now represented by similar Ground Rents producing £66 per annum. This Trust is for poor blind men and women living in the town of Henley-on-Thames with preference for blind kindred of Mr. and Mrs. West living in Henley-on-Thames.

If there is a failure of sufficient Blind living in Henley, then to poor men and women not blind of the age of 50 years at least living in that town.

THOMAS NEWNAM by his Will dated July 9, 1800, and proved January 11, 1810, bequeathed to the Company £10,000 Consols. £9,000 Consols were transferred to the Company's name by the Executrix who had paid the legacy duty. This is now represented by Ground Rents producing £382 10s. per annum and by Bank of England Stock producing £18 per annum. This Trust provides pensions of £10 each for 20 poor blind men and 20 poor blind women.

WILLIAM THWAYTES by his Will dated March 24, 1831, and proved January 6, 1835, bequeathed to the Company £20,000. This amount less legacy duty was invested on March 10, 1835, in the purchase of £19,591 16s. 9d. 3 per cent. Consols. This is now represented by Ground Rents producing £818 per annum. This Trust is for poor blind persons in pensions. None of them are to have from it more than £10 annually.

HANNAH ACTON in October 1837 gave a free gift of £1000 to the Company. This is now represented by Ground Rents producing £42 per annum. This Trust provides pensions of £10 per annum to four blind persons.

EDWARD GREGORY by deed of gift dated June 4, 1845, gave to the Company a rent charge of £4 per annum issuing out of property at Cowlesfield, Cowlesfield-Esturmey, and Whiteparish, in the County of Wilts. This Trust, subject to certain conditions, provides £4 yearly for one of the three most aged blind pensioners of the Company, with preference for any blind pensioner who might be a member of the Company.

GEORGE CORNELL by his Will dated April 5, 1850, bequeathed to the Company £2000 3 per cent. reduced Annuities. The Company only received £1800 stock after payment of legacy duty, but purchased other £200 stock out of their own funds. Both these amounts are now represented by Ground Rents

producing £79 per annum. This Trust is expended by the Company in pensions of £10 each to seven blind persons. There is a preference to blind members of the Clothworkers' Company and subject thereto to blind Citizens of London.

THOMAS WILLIAM WING by his Will dated October 22, 1884, and proved April 3, 1889, bequeathed to the Company £70,000 2½ per cent. Annuities. This Trust is expended by the Company in pensions of £20 each to those who have been in a better station of life and are disabled by blindness from maintaining themselves, who on that account are or may become a burden on their children or relations and who having but little of their own want some addition to what they have to make life more comfortable under such an infirmity. Preference is given to those who have become blind after attaining maturity, such being generally more helpless than those born blind. Applicants must not be entitled to any Estate, Annuity, Salary, Pension or income for life exceeding £50 per annum.

Though there is no absolute restriction in respect of age, preference in this Charity (*cæteris paribus*) will be given to persons over forty years of age.

Excepting the Wing bequest and Gregory's pension of £4 for the oldest annuitant, all the pensions are at present either £10 or £5 and most of the latter are shortly to be increased to £10.

ELIZABETH LOVE by her Will dated March 12, 1805 left a sum which is now represented by £286 South-Eastern Railway 3½ per cent. Debenture Stock. The interest on this legacy is given each year to a blind person as a gift. This is not an annuity and the Master of the Company appoints.

The Company have also been appointed Trustees of the following Charities for the benefit of the Blind :

I. THE ARMITAGE MEMORIAL FUND founded in memory of the late Dr. T. R. Armitage. It consists of £1550 Great Eastern Railway 4 per cent. Stock and £1200 Great Western Railway

5 per cent. Stock producing together £122 per annum. This Trust is for augmenting the funds of the British and Foreign Blind Association.

2. THE BLIND WOMEN-WORKERS ANNUITY FUND. This consists of £3110 Rhondda Urban District Council 3½ per cent. Redeemable Debenture Stock (1943) producing £108 17s. per annum. This Trust is for annuities to blind women-workers nominated during her lifetime by the Foundress.

3. THE HENRY FAWCETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This consists of £1250 Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Stock producing £50 per annum. This Trust provides a scholarship for a blind student at any of the Universities of the United Kingdom including women's colleges.

4. THE FUND FOR THE BLIND OF HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS. This consists of 500 £1 shares in the Improved Industrial Dwellings Company Limited producing £25 per annum. This Trust is for the benefit (after the cesser of two life interests) of the Blind of Hastings and St. Leonards.

The following memoranda are issued by the Company for the information of applicants for their pensions.

Except with regard to the Wing Pensions the qualifications for which are stated above, applicants must be *not less* than fifty years of age—preference being given to older applicants—of sober life and good morals ; have been totally blind for three years ; not be entitled to any Estate, Annuity, Salary, Pension, or Income for life exceeding £20 a year ; nor be an inmate of a Workhouse or Public Institution, nor in receipt of Parochial Relief ; nor publicly solicit or receive Alms.

Blank Petitions are issued from the Company's Office between the hours of Eleven and Three o'clock.

The Petitions must be properly filled up, signed, and forwarded with certificates of birth, blindness and marriage (if married), to the Company's Office, at their Hall, 41 Mincing Lane London.



## VI.—LONDON.—CORDWAINERS COMPANY

CORDWAINERS HALL, 7 CANNON STREET, E.C.

*Address*—C. H. WATERLAND MANDER, ESQ., M.A., LL.M.  
(*Clerk*).

*Grants Annuities of £5 per annum to 116 blind persons.*

JOHN CAME, by his Will dated August 12, 1782, and by a Codicil thereto, bequeathed to the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, all the Stock standing in his name in the different funds at the Bank of England at the time of his decease, which occurred in 1796, upon trust (after payment of an annuity of £60 to the Company) to distribute annually the dividends to and amongst clergymen's widows, blind persons, and deaf and dumb persons coming within the descriptions mentioned in his Will in proportions of £5 each.

The following are the qualifications for blind applicants :

The men must not be less than forty-five years of age ; the women, if married, not less than forty ; if widows or maidens not less than thirty. Must be totally blind, must never have received any allowance or support from any Parish, nor have ever begged in the streets ; must reside in London or within 100 miles thereof, and be of sober life and conversation.

The trust funds consisted of £18,200 Consols and £18,200 Reduced Annuities, which were transferred by the Executors

into the names of the Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Company in its Corporate capacity, and are now represented by the sum of £36,382 12s. 1*d.* India 3 per cent. Stock. The dividends (after payment of the Annuity) are distributed annually by the Company among 116 blind persons, 40 clergymen's widows, and 50 deaf and dumb persons coming within the descriptions in the Will, in sums of £5 each. The Company pay out of their own funds the costs of management, and for some years past have out of their own funds doubled the Pensions paid to the 40 clergymen's widows.

Vacancies are filled up by the Court of Assistants in the month of December in every year.

Applicants are supplied with a form which may be obtained at the Company's Hall. It has to be filled up and sent to the Clerk of the Company. If the case is eligible a form of Petition is supplied. The statements in the Petition must be verified by the signatures of six of the principal inhabitants of the parish in which the Petitioner lives. Certificates of age, blindness, and marriage (if married), must be annexed to the Petition. The Petitioner must have some means of support in addition to the Pension.

If the Petitioner is not elected within three years a new Petition must be presented.

At this time (February 1910) there are upwards of 30 blind persons applying for election. The average number of vacancies in a year seldom exceeds ten.

ELIZABETH LOVE by her will dated March 12, 1805, bequeathed to the Company £265 16s. 6*d.* Consols, now represented by £249 11s. 3*d.* Nottingham Corporation 3 per cent. Stock. The dividend (between £7 and £8 yearly) is paid by the Company to the most aged blind person on the List of Came's Pensioners, in lieu of his or her share of Came's Charity; another Pensioner being thereupon elected on Came's List.

MARTHA and ANN WOOLNOUGH two sisters, formerly Pensioners on Came's Charity, having become possessed of some property, handed over to the Company the sum of £100, with a letter dated December 9, 1863, expressing a desire that the Company would apply the same for the benefit of blind persons at their discretion. The Company invested the amount in the purchase of £110 3s. 10d. Reduced Annuities, now represented by £100 London and South-Western Consolidated 3 per cent. Debenture Stock, the dividend on which is paid annually to the Pensioner who has been longest on the List of Came's Charity, in addition to the Pension of £5 received from that Charity.



## VII.—LONDON.—DRAPERS' COMPANY

*Address (for Blind Pensions)*—BLIND MAN'S FRIEND  
CHARITY (Q.V.).

*Grants Pensions of £10 each every other year to 14 blind  
persons.*

JONATHAN GRANGER, by his Will dated May 16, 1769, left the sum of £1000 to apprentice or put forth into service his kindred.

After other gifts, he devised his residue alternately for Blind Persons one year at £10 each, and for apprenticing children of freemen £10 each the next year. The fund was invested in £4674 10s. 6d. Consols.

All applicants have been called upon to produce from the minister and churchwardens of the parish in which they reside, a certificate of good fame for honesty and sobriety, as required by order of the Court of Chancery; and the Court of Wardens have made a selection from such as are properly qualified. The same persons have generally continued to receive the pension during life, or so long as they were in circumstances to require and deserve it.

The distribution has taken place in January, every second year from the year 1784, in which year on November 30 an order of the Court was made regulating the matter. The charity is about to be put upon another footing and in future the appointments are to be made by the trustees of Day's Blind Man's Friend Charity. The qualification required of the recipients is total blindness, and it has not been the practice to give a pension to a person in receipt of parochial relief.

# VIII.—LONDON.—GARDNER'S TRUST FOR THE BLIND

53 VICTORIA STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

*Address*—HENRY J. WILSON, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 225 blind persons.*

HENRY GARDNER, of 1 Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, at his death on January 9, 1879, left by will, (dated July 24, 1876, with a codicil dated May 15, 1877,) the sum of £300,000, free of legacy duty, upon Trust, to employ the same and the income thereof for the purpose of benefiting blind persons residing in England or Wales, by all or any of the means hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, by instructing poor blind persons residing in England or Wales, in suitable trades, handicrafts, and professions, especially in the profession of music—by providing Pensions for poor and deserving blind persons, residing as aforesaid, who might be incapable of earning their livelihood—and generally in such other manner as the said Committee should from time to time think best.

The Committee of Management appointed by Henry Gardner were his four Executors and the person who at his decease should be Bishop of London. In order to arrive at the best way of dealing with the Fund, it was resolved that the matter should be referred to the Court of Chancery, where,

after a friendly suit, a scheme, dated January 20, 1882, was drawn up and approved. This was varied by an order issued (in pursuance of an application by the Committee) by the Charity Commissioners February 23, 1894, whereby after payment of all necessary expenses of management :

1. Two-ninths of the income will henceforth be applied to the instruction of Music.
2. Two-ninths to the instruction of Trades, Handicrafts and Professions.
3. *Two-ninths in providing Pensions*, and
4. One-third in such manner as the Committee shall think best for the benefit of the Blind.

The Committee have absolute discretion in managing and carrying into effect the scheme of the Charity in accordance with these provisions.

During the year 1909 £2865 was granted to 225 pensioners. There are 28 pensioners at £20, 67 at £15, and 130 at £10 a year. Payment is made by cheque quarterly in advance. The Pensions are terminable by the Committee on six months' notice, and under certain eventualities are immediately withdrawn.

The applications for pensions, many of which are most urgent and deserving of consideration, have been so very numerous that the Committee would be glad to receive any special donations towards the pension fund.

There is no restriction as to age. Persons in receipt of Parish Relief are, by one of the regulations drawn up for the general guidance of the Committee, ineligible. No assistance is given to street musicians and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. Applicants should, in the first instance, send name, age, and address, to the Secretary, and should state exactly how they are at present supported—to what their average weekly income amounts, and from what sources it is derived. Full particulars should also be sent as to

whether the applicant be married or not, and the ages of the children, if there be any. A letter from the clergyman of the parish in which the applicant lives, or from the minister of the chapel which he attends, should be forwarded to the Secretary, certifying from personal knowledge that the applicant is of good character, thoroughly deserving, and in real need of assistance from the Trust.

Much attention has lately been given by the Committee to a readjustment of some of the pensions consequent on the passing of the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, so as to avoid any action being taken by which a beneficiary would suffer pecuniary loss. In this matter the Committee have been greatly assisted by the cordial co-operation of the Clothworkers' Company and of Hetherington's Charity in regard to joint pensioners.

The Committee have received an intimation of a bequest to the Trust by the will of the late Miss E. R. Lord, viz. : a specific gift of £1000 for providing an annual dinner to blind persons, and also the residue of part of her property for providing pensions of 10s. a week for an equal number of blind English men and blind English women, who have lost their sight after their 20th year and are over 35 years of age. As, however, the property is in America, and has to be realised it is probable that the funds will not be available for administration for some considerable time.

## IX.—LONDON.—GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY

GOLDSMITHS' HALL, FOSTER LANE, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.

*Address*—SIR WALTER PRIDEAUX (*Clerk*).

*Grants Annuities of £20 per annum to 67 blind persons.*

RACHEL FARMER, of Jewin Street, in the City of London, by Will bearing date September 18, 1813, gave to the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Goldsmiths, and their successors, £1000 stock in the 4 per cent. Consols; 'to give the interest of the same to *ten poor blind men and women*, as often and in such sums as they should think proper.'

In July, 1813, £900 stock was transferred to the Company, £100 stock being deducted for legacy duty. As the dividend of the remainder would not amount to £4 for each person, the Company thought it advisable to let it accumulate till it should produce the dividends for each. This was effected, and the Company appropriated the dividends to the use of ten poor blind persons, as directed by the testatrix.

This arrangement has now been changed by the Charity Commissioners, on the application of the Goldsmiths' Company.

HARRY OSBORNE CURETON, the distinguished numismatist of the British Museum, by Deed dated February 9, 1838, and by his Will dated July 19, 1848, gave to the Goldsmiths' Company the sum of £5000 Consols for the relief of poor blind aged men, subject to various conditions and restrictions.

The Company soon found that they would be unable to administer this Charity according to the strict terms of Cureton's Deed and Will, for there was a lack of candidates falling within the conditions of the gift, and accordingly,



upon the application of the Company, the Charity Commissioners sanctioned a scheme November 17, 1868, under which the income of the Charity is now applied towards the support and assistance of poor blind persons residing in the County of Middlesex, such county being taken to include the Cities of London and Westminster.

In selecting the recipients, the Company are to have regard to the following qualifications, and are to give preference to candidates, being otherwise deserving objects, in the following order :—

1. Freemen of the Company who are of the Craft.
2. Other Freemen of the Company, and their widows.
3. Freemen of the City of London, and their widows ; and
4. Other poor blind persons residing in the County of Middlesex.

The benefit of the Charity may be conferred on the recipients either by way of direct pension or money gift, or indirectly, in the shape of clothing, payment of rent, schooling of children, or in any other mode of assistance which the Company may think proper to adopt.

Applicants must be over 50 years of age, totally Blind for twelve months, and not have an income exceeding £25 a year. They must not be in receipt of any other charity for the Blind.

There is a prescribed form of petition, but forms are only issued when an election is about to take place.

Vacancies are always advertised.

(Fund £4800 £2 10s. per cent. Consols.)

Since the year 1874, during the pleasure of the Court, the Company has also paid 60 pensions of £20 each to poor blind persons out of their general corporate funds.

Applicants must be resident in Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Herts. or Surrey. Preference given to Freemen of the Company and their widows. No limit as to age. All applications to be made to the Clerk of the Company at the Hall.

# X.—LONDON.—GOVERNESSES' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

32 SACKVILLE STREET, PICCADILLY.

*Address*—A. WESLEY DENNIS, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 5 blind women.*

This Institution, founded in 1843, grants annuities to the Blind from the following funds.

THE BLIND GOVERNESS ANNUITY was founded in 1860 by a collection made by Lady Kay-Shuttleworth and Lady Anne Tufnell, who appointed the first nominee. It is to be held always by a blind Governess from the list of candidates. The Annuity was originally £20, but it was raised to £25 by the Annuity Increase Fund and to £30 by part of Legacy from Miss S. Stredwick.

THE DAVID LAING ANNUITY of £30 was founded in 1863 by a subscription in acknowledgment of the services of the Rev. David Laing, first Honorary Secretary to the Society. It is for a blind Governess and is in the gift of Mrs. Laing for her life. Subsequent appointments are to be made by the Board.

THE HICKSON ANNUITY for a blind Governess was founded in 1865 by T. H. Hill, Esq., and the Misses Hill, who retain the nomination for their lives. The Annuity was originally £20, but it was raised to £25 by the Annuity Increase Fund.

THE ELIZABETH ANNUITY of £50 for a blind Governess was founded in 1872 by a donation of £1250 4 per cent. Midland Railway Debenture Stock. It is in the gift of A. E. Godson, Esq., and E. P. Godson, Esq., for their lives, and is afterwards to be administered by the Society.

THE DRURY ANNUITY of £30 was founded in 1876 by a collection of £1000 Consols by Mrs. Drury. It is intended to be held by a blind Governess. If on the occasion of a vacancy there be no blind Governess on the list of candidates, the Annuity to be at disposal of the Board.

The rules are as follows :—

Ladies eligible for an Annuity shall have been Governesses above the age of Fifty, single or widows, British Subjects by birth. Nursery Governesses, Keepers of Schools, or Teachers in Schools, who have not been Governesses, are ineligible.

Marriage shall at any time vacate the Annuity.

The Electors shall be subscribers of Half-a-Guinea and upwards; One Vote being allowed for every Annual Subscription of Half-a-Guinea during its continuance, and for every Five Guineas paid in one sum.

Candidates must be approved by the Board before they can stand an Election; and the Board have power to remove from the list of Candidates any Lady whose conduct after her nomination is likely to bring discredit on the Institution.

No Lady may be admitted or retained as a Candidate, or elected to an Annuity, whose annual income exceeds £30 from secured sources or £50 from employment, or whose *total* income is more than £60 per annum.

Save in circumstances which the Board may deem exceptional, Candidates must have been Governesses in private families for a period of not less than 14 years in all, and those who have not followed this calling during some



part of the 15 years preceding their application are considered ineligible.

In case it shall be found, after any Candidate has been declared duly elected, that the Election has been unfairly obtained (by the payment of money for proxies to any person whatsoever, or by any other undue means), or that the Candidate was ineligible or unsuitable, the Board shall set aside the Candidate so elected, and supply the vacancy by the next eligible and suitable Candidate upon the Poll.

All Candidates approved subsequently to the year 1908 shall, save under very exceptional circumstances, when qualified by age be required to apply to the State for an old age pension; and every Annuitant elected from Candidates approved subsequently to that date shall, if the Board think fit, and save under very exceptional circumstances, when qualified by age for a State pension, have the aforesaid Annuity, reduced, so as to render her eligible for a pension of the largest possible amount, provided always that such reduction does not involve any pecuniary loss to her.

The Annuity shall be vacated by any transfer of any kind.

The Board have power to withhold, and shall not be liable for, the payment of any Annuity during such period as an Annuitant may, by reason of mental incapacity, become an inmate of any County Lunatic Asylum, or Union House, or be in receipt of Parish relief.

The Board have power to withhold, and shall not be liable for, the payment of an Annuity during such period as an Annuitant may be in receipt, from any other sources than the Annuity, of an income exceeding £40 per annum.

XI.—LONDON.—HON. FRANCES HARLEY'S CHARITY  
FOR POOR BLIND PERSONS

*Address*—C. AND S. HARRISON & CO., 19 BEDFORD ROW, W.C.

*Grants Annuities of £20 per annum to 12 blind persons.*

FRANCES HARLEY, by deed, dated January 28, 1841, enrolled in Chancery March 26, 1841, assigned certain property (which has since been sold) to Trustees, upon Trust, to invest the proceeds in the stocks or funds of Great Britain, or at interest upon Government or real securities in England and Wales; and to stand possessed of the trust funds and securities and the annual produce thereof upon trust,—as to one moiety of the trust premises and the produce thereof, for or towards the maintenance and clothing or otherwise promoting the comfort and convenience of the several blind persons who should for the time being be entitled to the benefit of the Charity. The several Annuities, or yearly sums of £20 each, by the regulations thereunder written, were directed to be applied for their benefit respectively, it being the declared intention of the foundress that the Annuity of £20 should from time to time be paid to some friend or friends with whom such blind annuitants should live, and who should, to the satisfaction of the trustees, or trustee, for the time being, undertake to take the care of such blind person, and to apply the said Annuity in or towards providing for the comfortable maintenance and clothing of such blind

person—and that each Annuity should be payable quarterly. And as to the other moiety of the said trust premises, upon trusts for widows of clergymen of the Church of England.

The deed empowers the trustees, in case the income should at any time exceed by £20 or upwards the amount wanted for paying the several Annuities of £20 each, to increase the number of persons to any extent, provided there should be sufficient annual income to pay each old and new object the full annuity of £20; but directs, in the event of the income proving deficient to pay each object the full annuity of £20, that the number of recipients is not to be reduced below six.

The Funds applicable to the Trust of the Poor Blind, consist of a sum of £4151 3s. India 3 per cent. Stock and £3682 17s. 7d. New Zealand 3½ per cent. Stock.

No person is eligible who is not a member of the 'United Church of England and Ireland.'

Each Candidate for the Charity shall be a blind person, of any age, of either sex, of respectable moral character, and in indigent circumstances. And each such Candidate, or the person or persons acting on his or her behalf, must be able to produce some friend or friends, of respectable character, with whom it is proposed that he or she shall reside; and who will undertake, to the satisfaction of the Manager or Managers of the Charity, to take care of such blind person, and to apply the Charity fund in or towards his or her maintenance and clothing, or otherwise for the promotion of his or her personal comfort and convenience.

Each person elected to receive the benefit of the Charity will become entitled to an annuity of £20 during his or her life, subject as hereinafter mentioned. Such annuity to be payable quarterly to the friend or friends undertaking to take care of such person, in order that the same may be applied by such friend or friends for the purposes specified. But

in case of the person entitled to the benefit of the Charity misconducting himself or herself by being guilty of any openly immoral or irreligious conduct, or ceasing to reside with the friend or friends who shall have undertaken to provide for him or her ; or in case it shall be discovered that such person, or any person or persons acting on his or her behalf, has or have made any false statement in relation to his or her circumstances, or character, or religious opinions, with a view to impose upon the Manager or Managers of the Charity, his or her annuity shall be liable to be suspended or entirely discontinued as the Manager or Managers of the Charity may think proper. And in case the Manager or Managers of the Charity shall think fit to suspend or entirely discontinue the payment of the annuity of any such person, he or they shall not be obliged to assign any reason for doing so ; it being expressly understood that the power of suspending or discontinuing such annuity shall be in every case left to the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the Manager or Managers of the Charity for the time being, who shall not be accountable to any person whomsoever for the exercise of such discretion, or be obliged to state the grounds on which the same has been exercised.

In case any friend or friends, who shall have undertaken, in manner aforesaid, to provide for any blind person being an object of this Charity, shall die, or cease to provide for him or her according to the tenor of such undertaking ; or in case, by any reason of any misconduct or incapacity of such friend or friends, the Manager or Managers of the Charity shall at any time think fit not to pay the Annuity to him, or her, or them, any longer, some other friend or friends, willing to undertake the same office shall, as soon as may be, be named by or on the part of such blind person to the Manager or Managers of the Charity, in the same manner as at the first : and until a new friend or friends shall have been approved of,

for the purpose of receiving the annuity on behalf of such blind person, the same shall either be paid or applied for the benefit of such person, or the payment thereof shall be suspended, as the Manager or Managers may think fit.

A proportionate part of the Annuity, up to the day of the death of each person entitled to the benefit of the Charity, will be paid or applied by or under the direction of the Manager or Managers of the Charity toward providing for his or her decent burial.

If from any cause the annual income of the Charity shall not, after payment of the expenses directed, or authorised by the Trust Deed to be paid thereout in the first instance, be sufficient to pay the Annuities in full, the persons entitled to the benefit of the Charity shall abate equally.

XII.—LONDON.—REV. WILLIAM HETHERINGTON'S  
CHARITY FOR THE AGED BLIND

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, 60 ALDERSGATE STREET, E.C.

*Address*—R. L. FRANKS, ESQ. (*Clerk*).

*Grants Annuities to nearly 800 blind persons.*

THE REV. WILLIAM HETHERINGTON, a Governor of Christ's Hospital, by a generous gift (in his lifetime) March 29, 1774, enabled the Governors of the Hospital to pay Annuities of £10 each to fifty aged blind persons, in the hope (as expressed by himself) that his example would be followed by others. In consequence of the very munificent additions made, from time to time, to the original Benefaction, by Deed of Gift, by Will, and otherwise, the Governors are now able to pay Annuities of £10 each to nearly 800 blind persons. During the month of October in every year they are ready, on personal or written application, to issue from the counting house of the Hospital forms of Petition for blind persons qualified as under :

*Age*, Fifty-five years, or upwards.

*Total Blindness* for one whole year.

*Birth and residence in England*—to the exclusion of Wales and Berwick-upon-Tweed.

*Residence* in the Parish or place where the blind person resides at the time of petitioning, for the two years immediately preceding the date of petitioning.

*Income*.—Any Annuity, Salary, Pension, or Income for Life (if any) already possessed by the blind person, must not exceed £20 a year.



*Parish Relief and Position in Life.*—The intention of the Founder of the above-named Charity (as expressed by himself) was to relieve such persons only as, having been in a better situation of life, are or may be disabled by blindness from maintaining themselves, and on that account are or may become a burden on their Children or Relations not in affluent circumstances ; or, having but little of their own, want some addition to what they have to make life more comfortable under such an infirmity. The Governors, therefore, to prevent disappointment to many otherwise deserving applicants, give notice that those who have never occupied a better or higher position in life than day labourers or journeymen, or domestic servants—or who have ever been common beggars, or at any time during their lives have received any Parish relief as paupers, are deemed ineligible.

Forms of Petition will be issued only on the assurance that candidates are strictly qualified as above ; and, unless they can prove themselves so qualified, their applications will be fruitless.

N.B.—(i.) The single mode in which this Charity is dispensed is in the form of Annuities of £10 each.

(ii.) Petitions of unsuccessful but qualified Candidates are to be renewed annually in October.

(iii.) Forms of Petition are issued *only in October*.

The Governors have, from time to time, accepted the distribution of Annuities to blind persons under similar qualifications, from the following benevolent persons, mostly Governors of Christ's Hospital, in addition to the before-mentioned number of 50, now 52, from the Rev. William Hetherington's Fund, viz., in—

\*1782      31 from Thomas Coventry, Esq.

1783      1 from Lord Charles Cavendish.

\* In consequence of changes of investment, the number of Annuitants has been increased in many of these charities.

1783	33 from a Gentleman unknown.
1787	33 from James Whitchurch, Esq.
1788	10 from William Strode, Esq., and Elizabeth his Wife.
1789	30 from Mrs. Helen Betenson.
1794	2 from Abraham Gray, Esq.
1795	30 from Benjamin Burton, Esq.
1795	4 from Mrs. Sarah Williams.
1796	8 from Richard Sheldon, Esq.
1797	5 from Clark Winchester, Esq.
1800	87 from Benjamin Kenton, Esq.
1800	115 from Dr. George Harris.
1802	30 from Mrs. Mary Dover.
1806	28 from Mrs. Sarah Mauvillain.
1808	2 from William Mauduitt, Esq.
1810	27 from John Baker, Esq.
1810	* 8 from Robert Precious, Esq.
1817	18 from Stephen Aisley, Esq.
1818	1 from Andrew Newton, Esq.
1820	2 from John Neiman, Esq.
1821	27 from James Hayes, Esq.
1821	1 from Mrs. Elizabeth Mickman.
1822	1 from Mrs. Mary Smith.
1824	1 from Mrs. Easter Jones.
1826	1 from Joseph Harrison, Esq.
1826	21 from Charles Pieschell, Esq.
1830	5 from William Benson Earle.
1831	1 from Thomas Pain, Esq.
1834	32 from William Tunnard, Esq.
1836	11 from Mrs. Mary Hereford.
1839	8 from Miss Elizabeth Cass.
1840	1 from Mrs. Jane Waller.

\* The number of Annuities payable from Mr. Precious's Fund varies with the rate of Interest on Bank Stock.



1843	1 from John Bartram, Esq.
1845	1 from Miss Mary Ann Taylor.
1847	1 from Harry Charrington, Esq.
1849	6 from the Rev. Henry George Watkins.
1851	5 from John Thackeray, Esq.
1858	2 from Miss Martha Borradaile.
1859	1 from Miss Ann Dupree.
1859	1 from Mrs. Elizabeth Love.
1865	31 from Richard Thornton, Esq.
1869	6 from Thomas Brown, Esq.
1875	3 from James Bentley, Esq.
1876	3 from George Moore, Esq. (with a preference to applicants from Cumberland and Westmoreland).
1877	1 from James Graham, Esq.
1889	1 from Charles Ansted, Esq.
1898	27 from John Harrison, Esq.
	40 from the Surplus Fund formed of sundry small Legacies and Gifts, and the Surplus of the larger Benefactions, &c.

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Total 798

XIII.—LONDON.—HOWARD'S CHARITY FOR THE  
BLIND, ST. MARYLEBONE

*Address*—G. W. CHANDLER, ESQ. (*Clerk*), THE VESTRY, ST.  
MARYLEBONE CHURCH.

*Makes Annual Grants to 36 blind persons.*

CHARLOTTE REBECCA HOWARD, by her will dated March 8, 1854, and proved on February 13, 1855, bequeathed to her executors £1000 upon trust, to invest the same in their names in the public funds, and from time to time to pay the dividends arising therefrom to the minister and churchwardens of St. Marylebone, in order to be distributed by them on Christmas Eve in every year in small donations of 5s. or more, among such poor blind people of the same parish as they should think most deserving, and she requested that such objects of this Charity as had been accustomed to receive from her like benefactions in her lifetime should have the same continued to them by the minister and churchwardens if they should think fit, and she directed that it should be lawful for the same minister and churchwardens, from time to time, as occasions should be, by any instrument under their hands, to appoint new Trustees for the same trust Fund, whether exceeding or not in number the original Trustees thereof, and that all such transfers should from time to time be made as should be requisite for vesting the same fund in the acting trustees thereof for the time being.

The £1000 was invested in £1043 os. 6*d.* Consols, and is now represented by a like sum of New Consols in the name of the Paymaster-General to the credit of 'The legacy account of the poor Blind of the parish of St. Marylebone in Middlesex.'

The annual dividends, £28 13*s.* 8*d.* (less tax, which is subsequently recovered), are received by the Rev. Dr. Morrison, the Rector of the parish, and applied by him in gifts of 13*s.* each to deserving blind persons residing in the civil parish of St. Marylebone.

The selection of the recipients is made at a meeting usually held in the month of January.

The beneficiaries are in practice chosen by the Rector, who selects cases known to him personally or nominated by the clergy of the several ecclesiastical districts comprised in the ancient parish.

In the absence of any sufficient grounds for disqualification the beneficiaries continue to receive the gifts so long as they reside in the qualifying area.

The Parish Clerk acts as the Hon. Secretary ; visits the recipients shortly before the annual meeting ; and pays them after the meeting in their own homes. A list of the pensioners' names and addresses, with particulars of their ages, means of support, and the amount of the annual grant, is kept in the minute book.

Thirty-six cases receive the grant each year.

XIV.—LONDON.—HUMSTON'S CHARITY FOR THE  
BLIND, ALDGATE

*Address*—ERNEST TURNER, ESQ. (*Clerk to the Governors*),  
13 GREAT ALIE STREET, WHITECHAPEL, E.

*Grants Annuities to 5 blind persons.*

HUGH HUMSTON, by his will dated February 18, 1777, devised pensions of £10 each to twenty-one blind persons not receiving relief of the respective parishes to which they belong and who should be parishioners of the parishes of St. Botolph Within, or St. Botolph Without, Aldgate, or St. John, Wapping, or St. Paul, Shadwell, or whose parents should belong to any of the said parishes ; such blind persons to be men, women or children, and to be chosen by his executors and the survivors of them, and the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Botolph Without, Aldgate. Appointment to pensions is now vested in the Governing Body of the Aldgate Lordship Foundation. At present five pensioners are being paid £14 per annum to work off accumulated income. Lightermen or watermen, their widows and children (being parishioners aforesaid), to be preferred. If not enough to fill the said charity, from the parish of St. Botolph Without, Aldgate, then from those of the parish of St. Botolph Within, then from those of St. John, Wapping, then from those of St. Paul, Shadwell. Preference is also given to the children of

former residents in above Parishes. There is no limit as to age.

The estate of the testator being insufficient to carry out his intentions, the Court of Chancery finally settled, September 1827, that the dividend on £1967 8s. 3*d.* Consols should be divided equally amongst five blind persons every half-year.

The present fund consists of a sum of £2142 7s. 4*d.* which has been invested upon mortgage at 3 per cent. and yields £64 5s. 5*d.* a year. Payments are made monthly in advance. Applications for forms should be made to the Clerk to the Governors as above.

# XV.—LONDON.—INDIGENT BLIND VISITING SOCIETY

8 RED LION SQUARE, W.C.

*Address*—W. F. HAMILTON, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Pensions to 142 blind persons.*

The object of this Society, which was instituted in 1834, is to improve the condition of the Blind, resident in and near London, by providing them—

(a) With readers of the Scriptures at their own homes.

(b) With guide-money when needed in order to enable them to pay guides to take them to places of worship, and to the classes established by the Society.

(c) With instruction in reading, writing, arithmetic, knitting and such other branches of education as may from time to time appear desirable and practicable, such instruction to be given in day classes established in various parts of London.

(d) With temporal relief at the discretion of the Committee.

The above objects are carried out in the following manner :

(1) The blind are visited in their own homes by experienced men who are themselves blind.

(2) They are instructed and entertained in the Society's classes.

(3) They are assisted in various ways from the Samaritan Fund.

Annual Subscribers of one guinea and upwards become Members of the Society, Donors of ten guineas and upwards in one sum and collectors of sums amounting to Five Guineas annually become Life Members. Each Member may have one blind person on the Society's books, subject to the approval of the Committee.

Over 500 cases are now regularly visited and relieved. The persons eligible for relief from the Samaritan Fund which was founded and endowed by the late Dr. T. R. Armitage are :

(1) Those whom a grant may permanently benefit, either by enabling them to learn a trade by which they can maintain themselves, or by supplying them with the means of setting up in business.

(2) Persons who have generally maintained themselves, but are temporarily incapacitated by illness or some other unavoidable cause.

(3) Persons incapacitated from work by age or infirmity, and whose income is almost, but not quite sufficient for them to live upon, may have small regular weekly pensions, so long as their circumstances remain what they were when the pension was first granted.

No blind person of bad character, or who publicly solicits alms in any way, or has intermarried with one similarly afflicted (unless in the opinion of the Committee exceptional circumstances exist) shall receive assistance.

The income of the Samaritan Fund was in the year ending March 31, from investments £1013 11s. from Subscriptions and Donations £793 10s.

The few annuities paid from the General Fund amounted to £138 in the year ending March 31, 1909, and from the Samaritan Fund grants of money in special cases of distress, pensions, &c., were given to the amount of £1500. This sum includes a few Pensions already described in this book, as the Society acts as a sort of banker to blind pensioners of other



Societies, who pay their Pensions into this fund in a lump sum for safe keeping, and receive them back in small weekly grants.

There is also included in this sum of £1500 the amount expended in the pensions of two shillings a week which a lady (Miss Emery) gives to sixty needy blind persons through this Fund. Miss Emery nominates the cases and the Society acts as her almoner.

Besides this the Society spent £743 in salaries to blind visitors ; £227 in Conducting or Guide money, £28 in relief in money ; £113 in relief in coals ; £72 in Christmas gifts to enable blind poor to have a dinner in their own homes. Rents and expenses of classes, including payment of teachers, came to £504—there being about 734 adult blind attending the various classes held in different parts of London. £165 was spent in teas and summer excursions ; and Secretary's salary, rent of office and all expenses came to £231.

XVI.—LONDON.—INSTITUTION FOR THE RELIEF  
OF THE INDIGENT BLIND OF THE JEWISH  
PERSUASION

8 DUKE STREET, ALDGATE, E.C.

*Address*—HENRY H. HYAMS, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Granted (1909) Annuities to 75 blind persons.*

This Society, established A.M. 5579 (1819), is supported by Voluntary Contributions and managed by a Committee. It distributed (1909) Pensions of 10s. per week (£26 per annum) to 75 deserving blind Jews.

Persons desirous of becoming Pensioners of this Institution must present petitions to the Committee, countersigned by not less than three Governors, recommending them as eligible to become Candidates, and accompanied by a Certificate from the examining Surgeons of their total blindness.

Applicants must, if not native, have been five years resident in England and be in receipt of no relief from any other similar society. Payments are made weekly and each Pensioner receives ten shillings a week, or any other sum to be hereafter determined by a General Court.

If any Pensioner be found begging in the streets, or drunk, or guilty of other improper conduct, the President is empowered to suspend his or her pension until the next Quarterly

Meeting, when the case is considered, and the decision of the Committee is final.

Should any vacancy occur for the admission of Pensioners (which the Committee may deem expedient to fill up), notices are posted at the entrance of each Synagogue. Petitions from applicants must be left with the Secretary within fourteen days from the date of such notice.

The Committee examine and determine on all Petitions from persons desirous of becoming Candidates, and have the power to reject such as they may deem ineligible.

All deserving applicants are elected pensioners.

## XVII.—LONDON.—NATIONAL BLIND RELIEF SOCIETY

*Address*—REV. J. PULLEIN-THOMPSON (*Hon. Secretary*),  
THE VICARAGE, TITE STREET, CHELSEA, S.W.

*Grants Annuities to 768 Blind Persons.*

This Society, which for fifty years was known as the Christian Blind Relief Society, was originally instituted in 1843. It grants pensions of 5s., 10s., 15s. and £1 per month to the necessitous Blind above the age of eighteen in any part of the United Kingdom provided they are of good moral character. This is *not* a voting Charity and its business is conducted without remuneration, there being no paid servant or agent. All applicants for relief must obtain from the Secretary a form of application which they must carefully fill in. This form when so filled in and duly certified must be signed by one new subscriber of two guineas a year or two new subscribers of one guinea each or a new donor of thirty guineas as well as by a Life Governor and forwarded to the Secretary. One or more of the Committee will then visit and inquire into the case. If the person lives out of London the Committee will require such references and certificates as they deem necessary. After investigation the case is laid before the Committee at their monthly meeting. If found satisfactory, the case is transferred 'in the order of application' to

the pension List when the state of the funds permits ; when placed thereon the case begins by receiving 5s. a month ; this allowance is raised at the discretion of the Committee to 10s. a month. Should the subscription of two guineas be discontinued the pensioner ceases to receive the pension until another subscriber is obtained unless otherwise determined by the Committee. A subscription of two guineas together with a donation of thirty guineas entitles the donor to nominate a blind person for *immediate* relief at the rate of 10s. a month, and a subscription of four guineas, together with a donation of sixty guineas, entitles the donor to nominate a blind person for *immediate* relief at the rate of 10s. a month to be raised ultimately to a pension of £1 a month at the discretion of the Committee, who will be guided by the immediate needs of the pensioner. Applicants gaining their livelihood by mendicity or playing a musical instrument in the streets or alehouses or who are in possession of an income of £20 per annum if single or £30 and upwards if married (or an equivalent to that amount in kind) are deemed ineligible to receive any benefit from the funds of the Society, unless in particular cases the Committee decide to the contrary. In the event of its being satisfactorily proved that a pensioner has used misrepresentation in order to get placed upon the funds, or while in receipt of the pension has been guilty of leading an immoral life, the pensioner so offending shall be excluded from any further benefit.

The report states that during the year ending December 31, 1908 the Blind received in pensions, special help, teas, &c., £4581 3s. 11d. Cost of postage, incidental expenses, printing reports, advertising and other similar items was £563 18s. 7d. The funds were derived from subscriptions and donations, £3290 19s. 2d. ; Sales of Stocks, £753 13s. 5d. ; and interest on investments, £70 6s. 8d.

## XVIII.—LONDON.—PAINTER STAINERS' COMPANY

PAINTERS' HALL, 9 LITTLE TRINITY LANE,  
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.

Address— { T. H. PRITCHARD, ESQ.  
F. W. ENGLEFIELD, ESQ. } (Clerks).

*Grants Annuities of £10 to 180 blind persons.*

JOHN STOCK, by a codicil to his will, dated June 25, 1781, left £55,000 Reduced 3 per cents. to the Company of Painters and Stainers, to be distributed to the aged and blind, and other charitable purposes. The will appoints visitors.

MRS. DOROTHY SMITH, by will, dated January 26, 1790, left £2000 3 per cents. to Martin Smith ; but in case he should not be heard of within two years after her decease, she then directed her executors to pay out of the said £2000 stock £500 3 per cents. to the Governors of the Charity for the Relief of Blind Persons ; this bequest was supposed to apply to Christ's Hospital and the Painters' and Stainers' Company, and the legacy was divided between the two corporations.

MRS. JANE SHANK, by will, dated July 7, 1795, left the residue of her estate to the Painters' Company, to divide the interest of the same into twelve equal parts, and to apply eleven-twelfths in payment of pensions of £10 a year, to such and so many indigent blind women of the age, description, and qualification hereinafter mentioned (*vide* qualifications). Pensions to be paid one year in advance, and pensioners taken from any part of England.

MRS. MARY GRAINGER, by will, dated February 18, 1808, gave £1000 4 per cent. stock to the Painters' Company, to be applied for the benefit of the blind men usually relieved by that Company, in such way as the Master and Wardens should deem most proper.

MRS. ANNE YEATES, by will, dated March 22, 1794, left the residue of her personal estate to be divided between the Hospitals for the Blind and for Incurable Lunatics, share and share alike.

MISS ANN RHODES SYDDALL left, by will dated December 26, 1857, the sum of one thousand pounds, the interest to be distributed amongst Blind Persons as the Master and Wardens should direct.

J. GREGORY CRACE'S Charity consists of £125 Great Western Railway 4 per cent. stock.

Petitions are issued from the Clerk's Office at Painters' Hall, annually, from October 25 until November 26 inclusive, and at no other time, between the hours of eleven and two o'clock, to blind applicants or their agents, or will be transmitted to the country by post on application, post paid ; but no Petition will be given out in any case if it is previously ascertained that the applicant does not fall within the rules hereinafter detailed, which are clearly laid down by the Donors, and from which the Court, as Trustees, must in no instance depart.

Petitioners for the above Charities must—

Be Sixty-one years of age complete.

Have been Totally Blind for Three Years.

Be unable to maintain themselves.

Be in distressed circumstances.

Have been born in England, not in Wales or Scotland.

Have lived three years in their present parish or place of residence.



Have no income for life above £10 a year, or receive any Benefaction to that amount.

Have never received alms from any place or parish as a pauper.

Never have been a common beggar.

Be of sober life and conversation.

The blank Petition furnished to applicants should be attentively perused by those who undertake the management of the case, as it contains all requisite information relating to its formal and effective completion. If such forms are not attended to, or the applicants do not fall within the prescribed regulations, they cannot be successful.

Unsuccessful Petitioners, duly qualified, who have applied in the preceding year, must petition again on one of the printed forms ; but if the certificates of age, blindness, and marriage have been filed, they will not again be required.

The Election takes place on the second Wednesday in December annually.

With a view to allow time for the correction of errors, or to rectify omissions, it is desirable that applicants' Petitions should be completed with all convenient speed, and carefully examined previously to being returned to the Clerk's Office. Petitions will not be received later than one week prior to the election. In no instance should the name of the person who undertakes the management of the case be omitted to be inserted at the left-hand corner of the Petition, in the blank left for that purpose.

On the Election of a Pensioner, a Certificate, containing a receipt stamp and full instructions to enable the Annuitant to receive the Pension, is forwarded, the first week in January, annually, to the minister of the parish in which the Pensioner resides. This Certificate must be properly executed by the Minister and Churchwardens, and presented for

payment at the Hall, on the days specified, and at no other time.

The Ministers or Officers of Parishes, or the friends of Pensioners, are earnestly requested to give immediate notice to the Clerk of the Company in case of Death or Disqualification, as the absence of such notice may retard the Election of other Applicants.

All applications by letter should be addressed to the Clerk of the Company.

# XIX.—LONDON.—JOANNA RASHDALE'S CHARITY FOR BLIND WOMEN

*Address*—HENRY J. WILSON, ESQ. (*Secretary*),  
53 VICTORIA STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

*Grants Annuities to 5 blind women.*

JOANNA RASHDALE, by her will dated September 8, 1797, left a sum now represented by £1000 Consols the income to be divided among six poor Blind Women of good character. Before the decease of Thomas Simpson, of Coggeshall, Essex, the last survivor of the trustees appointed in 1875, an application was made for a new scheme which is as follows :—

The Trustees of the above-mentioned Charity shall consist of the Committee for the time being of Henry Gardner's Charity for the Blind, by whom the clear annual income of the Charity of Joanna Rashdale for Blind Women shall be applied, subject to the legitimate interests of the present beneficiaries thereof, in granting pensions each of the yearly value of £13 or (if granted to a person having a properly secured income of less than £13 a year) of such a less yearly value as will make up the yearly income of the pensioner to not less than £13.

Relief is irrespective of place of residence. Applicants must be poor blind females of good moral character.

This Charity is now administered by the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, in accordance with the above scheme.

Five blind women are benefited. The amount of the pension is £5 a year each. Payments are made half yearly.

XX.—LONDON.—ROYAL BLIND PENSION SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

237 SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD.

*Address*—W. ELLIOTT TERRY, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 1316 blind persons.*

The object of this Society, founded in 1863, is to relieve the indigent Blind of good moral character, by granting them pensions, payable at their own homes, and regulated in amount according to the following scale, viz.: £6 per annum until 60 years of age ; £9 from 60 to 80 ; £12 from 80 to 85 ; and £15 after attaining the age of 85.

Candidates must not be less than 21 years of age. If unmarried their income may not exceed £20 per annum ; if married, or widowed with children dependent, £30 per annum. The Committee exercise discretion as to the limit of income, in exceptional cases.

Candidates must obtain from the Secretary a printed Form of Application, to be signed by an Annual Subscriber of Two Guineas, or by two or more Subscribers together contributing that sum annually, or by one or more Life Governors who together have contributed not less than Twenty Guineas. Annual Subscribers of more than Two Guineas and Life Donors of more than Twenty Guineas have power to nominate Candidates to the full extent of

their contributions on the above scale, but only one nominee at a time for each qualifying contribution.

All Applications are submitted to the Committee, who may appoint a responsible and independent person to inquire into the case, and report thereon to the Committee, who will decide whether the Applicant be a fit and proper person to be placed on the approved list of Candidates.

Persons gaining their livelihood by mendicity, or by playing a musical instrument in the streets, except in special cases approved by the Committee, are ineligible.

Should any Annual Subscriber, having nominated a Candidate or Pensioner, discontinue the Subscription or withdraw the nomination, the Candidate or Pensioner so nominated may be called upon to restore the nomination by obtaining the support of another Subscriber of the required amount. But a Subscription ceasing through death does not invalidate the nomination.

If a Candidate or Pensioner has used misrepresentation in order to obtain the benefits of the Society, or infringes any of its Rules, the Committee may remove his or her name from the list of Candidates or Pensioners, as the case may be. Any Pensioner becoming an inmate of a Lunatic Asylum, Parish Infirmary, Workhouse, or Charitable Institution shall, at the discretion of the Committee, cease to receive the Society's Pension; but the Committee may resume payment of such Pension on the disability being removed.

Elections take place twice a year, in the months of May and November, by proxy, and all votes for unsuccessful Candidates are carried forward to subsequent Elections. In the event of a disputed Election, notice must be given, in writing, to the Secretary, within three days after the day of Election.

The number of Pensioners to be elected is determined by the Committee, with special regard to the state of the finances,

but at every Election not less than two unsuccessful Candidates whose names have been the longest on the list are declared Pensioners.

Pensions are paid monthly, through the agency of Honorary Almoners who may be any of the Honorary Officers or Committee of the Society, or other responsible lady or gentleman approved by the Committee, whose knowledge of the Pensioner will enable such Almoner to report from time to time upon the circumstances and merits of the Pensioner. Reports concerning all Pensioners are formally invited annually.

An Annual Subscriber or Donor of Half a Guinea has one vote at each Election, and an additional vote for every additional Half-Guinea. A Donor of Five Guineas in one payment has one vote at each Election for life, and an additional Life Vote for every additional Five Guineas. If specially applied for, Subscribers are allowed double votes at one Election, thereby forfeiting their right to receive votes at the next ensuing Election. Donors desiring all the votes at one Election are entitled to four votes for each Guinea subscribed. No person is entitled to vote whose Subscription is in arrear.

A Donation of Thirty Guineas can secure an immediate Pension for a person of 75 years of age and upwards, who is eligible by the rules.

In addition to the Ordinary Pensions of the Society there are several Foundation and other special pensions of varying amounts, as follows :—

THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL PENSIONS.—To commemorate Her late Majesty's gracious patronage and support of the Society, the Committee have set aside the income of a sum of £1476 15s. 4*d.* 4 per cent. Cape of Good Hope Consols to provide pensions, the nominees to be selected by the Committee from the list of approved candidates, preference being given (1) to persons who have served in the Imperial Forces of the Empire, or (2) to persons who shall be



immediately related to those who have been so employed. The first pension under this scheme was granted at the election in May 1902.

THE JAMES TEMPLETON WOOD MEMORIAL PENSIONS.—These two Pensions have been founded by Mrs. J. T. Wood. They are at present in the gift of this lady. The nominees are subject to the same rules as other pensioners of the Society, except that at the time of nomination they must not exceed 50 years of age.

THE THOMAS POCKOCK MEMORIAL PENSIONS are bestowed as often as the Fund will permit, upon the candidates who shall not be less than 60 years of age, and who have been the longest on the list of approved candidates seeking election. The Treasurer will be grateful for any additional contributions, towards these pensions.

THE HANNAH OCHILTREE PENSION of £6 was founded by Mrs. Hannah Ochiltree for the benefit of a qualified blind person, resident in Newcastle-on-Tyne. The nomination is vested in Miss Matilda Gibson, and at her death in the Committee of the Home Teaching Society of Newcastle.

THE WILLIAM LOWRIE MEMORIAL PENSION of £9 was founded by his sister Bathia Lowrie, and is in her gift. It is for the benefit of a qualified blind person, resident in Newcastle-on-Tyne. The nomination is subsequently vested in the Home Teaching Society of Newcastle.

THE MR. AND MRS. JAMES LOWRIE MEMORIAL PENSION of £9 was founded by Miss Lowrie and is in the gift of the Home Teaching Society of Newcastle, for the benefit of a qualified blind person in Newcastle.

THE MR. AND MRS. R. GORE LLOYD MEMORIAL PENSIONS.—Eight Pensions of £9 were founded in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gore Lloyd. They are in the gift of the Committee.

THE WINGROVE PENSION of £6 was founded by Miss C.



Richardson, for the benefit of a qualified blind woman resident in Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Nomination is by the Honorary Secretary of the Home Teaching Society of Newcastle.

THE BALDWIN-CHILDE PENSION of £12 was founded by Mrs. F. C. Baldwyn-Childe for the benefit of a qualified blind person, preference being given to a resident in the parishes of Kyre and Stoke Bliss, or failing that, to one in the diocese of Hereford. Nominations by the two Archdeacons of Hereford. The pension not to continue after pensioner reaches 70 years of age.

THE A. B. GIFTS.—Through the generosity of a lady (A. B.) the Committee have the privilege of nominating, from time to time, two of the most aged of the approved candidates who are seeking pensions to receive an allowance of 15s. each per month until their election.

THE BRODIE-SEWELL PENSIONS of £20 were established by the will of the late Miss Annie Graham Sewell to be granted to necessitous blind persons: preferably to the widows and spinster daughters of Medical Practitioners.

XXI.—LONDON.—SCHOOL FOR THE INDIGENT BLIND,  
LONDON AND LEATHERHEAD, SURREY

*London Office*—1 ST. GEORGE'S CIRCUS, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

*Address*—REV. ST. CLARE HILL (*Principal*).

*Grants Annuities to 25 blind persons.*

SUSANNAH BIRD, by her will dated November 10, 1827, gave the interest of £1000 Consols to the School for the Indigent Blind, to be distributed in yearly payments to six Blind persons (not resident in the School). This sum (less legacy duty of £100), being £900 Consols, was directed by the Court of Chancery to be kept in a separate account, and has been so kept under the title of 'Miss Susannah Bird's Annuities.'

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, by his will, proved May 26, 1865, gave £1000 to the School, the interest to be divided between three male and three female blind persons, not resident in the Institution, in the same manner as the Annuities left by Susannah Bird.

The legacy of Jonathan Williams (less legacy duty of £100) was invested in £1304 7s. 2½ per cents., yielding an income on the average (less income tax) of about £32 per annum, and the practice has been to follow the course of Susannah Bird's by paying £4 10s. annually, accumulating the balance to be at any time disposed of by the Committee as they think proper.

On March 13, 1882, £45 13s. 2½ per cents. was purchased, making a total of £1350 so invested.

On October 7, 1899, £56 17s. 1d. New 2½ per cent. Stock was purchased, making a total of £1406 17s. 1d. so invested.

EDMUND CHARLES JOHNSON, late a Vice-President and Chairman of the School, by his will proved February 22, 1895, bequeathed the sum of £1000 (duty free) to be invested—the interest of such money to be expended in giving annuities to five blind persons who have been educated in the School. The Fund was to be called the Edmund Charles Johnson Annuity Fund. This money has been invested as follows : £346 North British Railway 4 per cent. Preference Stock, costing £499 18s. 7d. ; £384 Great Eastern Railway 3½ per cent. Preference Stock, costing £499 11s. ; the balance, 10s. 2d., is in the Post Office Savings Bank.

CHARLES RANDELL, by his will proved May 28, 1881, bequeathed a legacy, to be paid after the death of his wife, to the Trustees of the School on the understanding that the interest therefrom shall be applied for the benefit of such persons as may have left the School.

The Committee decided that the fund shall be called The Charles Randell Annuity Fund and a Minute passed on October 11, 1906, provided for the payment of Annuities therefrom.

The sum of £450 1s. 6d. was received from this legacy on July 27, 1906, and invested in the purchase of £458 os. 10d. Cape of Good Hope 3½ per cent. Stock.

COUNTRY ASYLUM FUND.—There are also five annuities arising from this Fund which was the result of an appeal to remove the school to Caterham Valley. When this project was abandoned, it was agreed among the subscribers that the sum raised, viz. £803 16s., should be invested. Accordingly £741 9s. 2d. 3½ per cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock was purchased and, on October 7, 1899, a further purchase of the same stock was made on this account amounting to £43 1s. 4d., making a total of £784 10s. 6d. stock.

XXII.—LONDON.—SOCIETY FOR GRANTING ANNUITIES TO THE POOR ADULT BLIND

*Address*—REV. ST. CLARE HILL (*Hon. Secretary*),

I ST. GEORGE'S CIRCUS, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

*Grants Annuities to 250 blind persons.*

This Society originated in the annual gift of £6 each to three blind persons by the late Edmund Charles Johnson, his friend Viscount Cranborne (the Blind Traveller), and several others, and was thus carried on until the year 1858, when a sum of £800 was placed in the hands of Trustees for the benefit of the infant Society. In 1865 the Charity lost by death its friend, Viscount Cranborne, and in 1895 Mr. Edmund Charles Johnson passed away.

As the Society has advanced in years, its work, which for some time was assisted chiefly by a small body of personal friends, has gradually attracted the support of the general public.

The object of the Society is to aid by Pensions of £6 per annum poor adult Blind Persons of good character, who, being by age ineligible for admission into Schools, only partially able to gain a living by working at a trade, and unwilling to beg, have no sufficient means of support.

Each candidate must be of good character, not under

40 years of age, and not a mendicant. Persons in actual receipt of Parish Relief are disqualified, and no one who has received such relief at any time during the two years before applying can be accepted as a candidate except on the unanimous vote of the Committee.

All cases are carefully sifted, and recommendations obtained from the Charity Organisation Society or other reliable sources, before they are allowed to stand for election.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right of discontinuing any Pension at their absolute discretion. Annuitants become disqualified by—

- (a) Gross misconduct.
- (b) Intermarriage with a blind person (except under exceptional circumstances, by unanimous vote of Committee).
- (c) Begging, becoming street or ale-house musicians, &c.
- (d) The receipt of Parish Relief.

The pensions of 75 of the annuitants have been raised to £10. Six of the pensions are given as an encouragement to unmarried blind women under the age of 40 who are endeavouring to support themselves by working at a trade.

There are always a large number of deserving candidates on the list waiting for help.

Subscribers are entitled to one vote at all elections for every Annual Five Shillings subscribed. A Donation of Five Guineas entitles the donor to two votes at each election for life.

Applicants must be recommended by an Annual Subscriber of Ten Shillings or by two or more subscribers together contributing that sum annually, or by one Life-Governor.

Elections are held in the months of May and November. A small gratuity is given to a clerk, but there are no paid officers, or expenses for hire of rooms. The Committee of the School for the Indigent Blind allows the use of

their offices, and the Chairman his house for the general meetings.

Last year (1909) the income at the disposal of the Committee was £2483, including interest from invested capital £528.

The Trustees hold the capital for the subscribers only, who can dispose of all funds ; this is therefore not an endowed charity.

THE VISCOUNT CRANBORNE MEMORIAL FUND was founded by Lord Eustace Cecil, who in the year 1906 placed the sum of £500, invested in the 4 per cent. Debenture Stock of the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway in the hands of three Trustees, the interest arising therefrom to be expended by them in assisting cases to be selected by them from the Society's waiting list. Sixteen cases have been assisted by this Fund since its foundation.

### XXIII.—LONDON.—SOMERS TOWN BLIND AID SOCIETY

*Address*—MRS. HEPBURN-STAREY (*Hon. Secretary*),

51 BELSIZE AVENUE, HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

*Makes weekly grants to 136 blind persons.*

Among the objects of the Society, which was instituted in 1864, are the following :

To provide a weekly entertainment (for which 3*d.* each is allowed for guide money), summer excursions, Christmas gifts and other assistance.

To send lady visitors weekly to the homes of the blind. (Some 60 or 70 voluntary lady workers engage in this.)

To give weekly grants.

To provide medical advice and medicine free of cost.

To send ailing Blind for short periods to the country or seaside.

To aid all efforts at self-help ; to obtain and supplement pensions from other Societies for which the Hon. Secretary acts as almoner ; to aid in times of sickness and distress and otherwise assist the needy and deserving.

The Meetings of the Society are held every Thursday at seven P.M., in the Hall of Tolmers Institute, Drummond Street, Hampstead Road.

The Society has enrolled about 400 blind members. All these persons receive regular or irregular aid in accordance with the above objects. The Hon. Secretary will at any time be pleased to give information regarding the members.

Total receipts of the Society are about £1400 a year (which includes Pension money from other charities dispensed by this Society). Of this sum £600 a year or more has been given in weekly grants.



XXIV.—LONDON.—SOUTH LONDON ASSOCIATION  
FOR ASSISTING THE BLIND

*Address*—J. T. EDMONDS, ESQ. (*Hon. Secretary and Solicitor*),  
CARLTON VILLA, 155 BRIXTON ROAD, S.W.

*Grants Annuities to 46 blind persons.*

This Association has blind teaching classes (Moon's type) at Walworth and Brixton, conducted by blind teachers and monitors, also working, devotional, and recreative reading classes conducted by friends at the same places, and a devotional meeting at Kennington. The total number of blind members on the books is 160. The Association has also music classes and lends embossed books in Moon's type. Summer and Christmas treats are held.

At present there are 4 pensions of £5 per annum, 34 of £2 per annum, and 8 of £1 per annum paid quarterly. Occasional grants in cases of sickness or other emergency are also made.

Sixteen pensions of £2 each per annum have been founded in memory of the late W. Sopper.

Blind persons become members of the Association by election of the Committee and must be nominated by a subscriber of at least 10s. 6d. per annum. Loans without interest from 10s. to £3 are granted to members to enable the borrowers to purchase material for work, to pay rent and to meet other various needs, especially that of clothing in the winter months. The Association also encourages the sale of goods made by blind work people.

The expenditure for the last year among the blind members was between £500 and £600.

The work is conducted gratuitously.



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PART II.—PROVINCIAL



XXV.—*BERKSHIRE*.—READING BLIND AID SOCIETY

*Address*—HUGH E. WALFORD, ESQ. (*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*), PATTINGHAM, LONDON ROAD, READING.

*Grants Annuities to 15 blind persons.*

This Society was founded in 1893 by Mr. Hugh E. Walford who for seventeen years has given up his life to work among the Blind. Its operations are limited to Reading and its totally blind adult poor of either sex.

The Endowment Fund was also created by Mr. Walford, who raised the whole amount from his friends and inhabitants of Reading. It consists of £93 os. 6*d.* Manchester Corporation 3 per cent Stock ; £451 8s. 6*d.* India 3 per cent. Stock ; £1255 11s. 3*d.* Victoria Government 3½ per cent. Stock ; £550 London County Council 3 per cent. Stock ; and a small balance uninvested.

There are four Trustees, of whom Mr. Walford is one.

The object of this Fund is to place the work of the Society upon a permanent basis, and so to ensure the future care of the poor Blind of Reading. The Trustees are limited by the Trust Deed to the application of the interest arising from the securities forming this Fund for the benefit of blind persons residing in Reading in such sums as the Trustees may decide up to £20, with power to revoke or annul at discretion, or alter the amount to each. Thus far the Blind selected have

been paid quarterly and have received £5 per annum each, while the balance has been passed to the general account of the Society.

The total received from the investments for 1909 was £73 10s. 8d. Besides the above-mentioned pensions the Society has augmented the annuities granted to the Blind of Reading from other Pension Charities by grants from the Annual Subscriptions and Donations received by the Society.

XXVI.—BERKSHIRE.—WOKINGHAM MUNICIPAL  
CHARITIES

*Address*—JAMES MAY, ESQ. (*Clerk to the Trustees*),  
WOKINGHAM.

*Makes grants each year (not annuities) to 2 blind men  
and 2 blind women.*

SARAH YARNOLD by her will dated March 14, 1829, gave to 2 blind men and 2 blind women (not receiving parochial relief) £5 each, those residing in Hurst or Ruscombe (Berks.) to be preferred.

The Trustees meet annually in the Town Hall, Wokingham, on October 16 to receive applications and to award the money to those who may appear proper objects to receive the Charity.

Certificates of qualification, signed by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish in which the candidate resides, are required, and must be sent to the Town Clerk.

These are not annuities, as the recipients are not the same each year.



XXVII.—*CORNWALL*.—DOWAGER LADY ROBINSON'S  
FUND FOR THE BLIND, PENZANCE

*Address*—W. J. BAZELEY, ESQ. (*Hon. Secretary*), PENZANCE.

*Grants Annuities to 33 blind persons.*

HARRIETT MARTHA ROSE ROBINSON, by her will which took effect in the year 1905, bequeathed the sum of £15,000, the income from which is to be divided to the relief of indigent blind persons being inhabitants of Penzance, or of the towns of Camborne and Redruth, or of the parishes of St. Erth, Madron, Gulval, Paul, Sancreed, St. Just, St. Burian, St. Levan, Sennen and Ludgvan, in the county of Cornwall.

The Trustees for the administration of the Charity appointed by the donor are the Vicar of the Parish of St. Mary's, Penzance, the Superintendent Wesleyan Minister of the Penzance Circuit, the Officiating Priest at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's, Penzance, and the Mayor of Penzance.

Elections take place on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and applications must be made before the first of June and December.

XXVIII.—CUMBERLAND.—HUDSON'S CHARITY,  
COCKERMOUTH

*Address*—REV. W. H. PARKER (*Trustee*), ALL SAINTS'  
VICARAGE, COCKERMOUTH.

*Grants Annuities to 3 blind persons.*

ISABELLA HUDSON, by deed June 25, 1872, founded this charity for the maintenance and support of poor blind persons of Cockermouth, over 50 years of age. The income is derived from £250 London and North-Western Railway 4 per cent. Guaranteed Stock held by the Trustees. Payments are made half yearly.

Three recipients receive about £3 6s. 8d. each per annum.

The Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints', Cockermouth, are the Trustees and appoint.

XXIX.—DEVONSHIRE.—WEST OF ENGLAND INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE BLIND FROM THE COUNTIES OF CORNWALL, DEVON, DORSET AND SOMERSET

ST. DAVID'S HILL, EXETER.

*Address*—WM. CUTCLIFFE KNILL, ESQ., A.C.A. (*Secretary*),  
20 BEDFORD CIRCUS, EXETER.

*Grants Annuities to 4 blind persons.*

This Institution was formed on October 25, 1839, on the foundation of the Exeter School for the Blind.

THE ANNUITY FUND belonging to this Institution is for the benefit of those pupils who have passed through the Institution with credit and are unable to support themselves. There are at present three annuitants on this Fund receiving £4 6s. 8d. per annum each.

THE DINHAM FUND is for the benefit of those who have been in connexion with the Institution as assistants. There is one pensioner on this Fund who receives 8s. a week or £20 16s. a year.

## XXX.—DEVONSHIRE.—HAZELWOOD TRUST

*Address*—G. M. FREAN, ESQ. (*Managing Trustee*),  
CRANICOMBE, BRANKSOME AVENUE, BOURNEMOUTH WEST.

*Grants Annuities to 7 blind persons.*

JAMES PEEK founded this trust in the year 1904. It is not a charity for the blind, but the Trustees have the option of using a part of the funds for blind cases within a limited area, i.e. a radius of 20 miles round Loddiswell, a village in South Devon.

The Trustees meet annually in June and consider applications at this meeting only, and fill vacancies that may have arisen through death.

One annuitant at present receives £10, and the remaining six £12 a year.

## XXXI.—ESSEX.—CHIGWELL UNITED CHARITIES

*Address*—J. PAGET, ESQ. (*Clerk to the Trustees*),

WARWICK HOUSE, BUCKHURST HILL.

*Grant an Annuity to 1 blind woman.*

MARY FOUNTAIN, of the Parish of Chigwell, Essex, spinster, who died on May 23, 1804, directed by her will that the money owing to her from Mrs. Fisher should be put into the Funds, and that the interest thereon should be given to two blind women. By a decree of the Court of Chancery dated July 9, 1813, the amount was ascertained to be £90. By a further order of the Court dated August 1, 1816, it was ordered that the amount in question should be paid to the minister and churchwardens of the Parish of Chigwell to be by them applied in the manner directed by the Testatrix. The charity was included in a scheme dated September 19, 1899, for the united charities of Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill (the latter having formerly been a part of the Ancient Parish of Chigwell). The income, which amounted in 1909 to £2 6s. 8d., is received and administered by the Trustees of the United Charities, and is distributed by them to any two blind women residing in or near the Parishes. Payments are subject to the yearly decision of the Trustees in meeting assembled. The fund appears to consist of £93 6s. 3d. Consols and is invested in name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds.

XXXII.—GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—ALDERMAN JOHN MERLOTT'S CHARITY TO THE BLIND, BRISTOL

*Address*—FREDK. W. NEWTON, ESQ. (*Secretary Bristol Municipal Charities*), SAINT STEPHEN'S STREET, BRISTOL.

*Grants Annuities to 47 blind persons.*

ALDERMAN JOHN MERLOTT, by his will dated January 14, 1784, founded this Charity for poor persons living in any part of Great Britain of 50 years old and upwards who have been stone blind for at least three years, are not in receipt of parochial relief, nor common beggars, nor already possessed of an assured income for life of £20 a year.

MRS. ELIZABETH MERLOTT increased the Charity by gifts in 1801 and 1804 and under her will dated March 10, 1810.

RICHARD REYNOLDS further increased the Charity under declarations of trust made by him in 1800, 1804 and 1806. These sums are now represented by £3300 Consols and £13,664 8s. India 3 per cent. Stock, and the income in the year ending September 3 1909, was £492 8s. 8d. Pensioners receive an annual payment of £10.

XXXIII.—GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—SCHOOL OF  
INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND

QUEEN'S SQUARE, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

*Address*—REV. C. F. HARDY, M.A. (*Superintendent*).

*Grants Annual Gifts to 9 blind women, which are as a rule renewed to the same person once in two years.*

THE REV. EDWARD KEMP'S TRUST FUNDS were founded in 1856 for the benefit of blind unmarried women who have been pupils at this school.

The first of these, which consists of £333 6s. 8d. Consols, provides for gifts of not less than £2 10s. each to such of the above unmarried blind women as have not been in receipt of parochial relief in such number as the Fund will allow.

Three women receive £2 10s. under this Trust Fund.

The second Trust Fund, which consists of £908 12s. 9d. 2½ per cent. Consols provides gifts of such an amount as the Fund will allow to six unmarried blind women.

The form of application which is provided must be signed by the Clergyman and a Churchwarden of the Parish.

The form states that it must be clearly understood that these gifts are in no way to be considered as in the nature of a pension.



XXXIV.—GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—JOHN WINTLE'S  
CHARITY, GLOUCESTER

*Address*—REV. HUBERT M. BRAITHWAITE, ST. MICHAEL'S  
RECTORY, GLOUCESTER.

*Makes Annual Gifts to 8 blind persons.*

JOHN WINTLE by his will, dated June 30, 1845, left a sum now represented by £274 15s. 6d. Consols invested in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, the interest thereon to be divided by the Churchwardens and Overseers of St. Michael's Parish, Gloucester, on December 18 each year, among two deserving poor blind men and two ditto women of—

- (a) St. Michael's Parish ; or
- (b) The City of Gloucester ; or
- (c) The county of Gloucester.

Each year the interest (about £6 17s. 6d.) is distributed on St. Thomas' Day (December 21) to blind persons in sums of £1 ; 15s. 4d. ; 12s. ; and 10s.

Eight blind persons (five men and three women) at present receive the gift. A list of them is kept and the same persons receive it year by year if they apply. Four of the men and one woman receive £1, one man 12s. and the other two women 15s. 4d. and 10s. respectively.

New applicants have their names entered and take the places of those who drop out. There is not a greater demand for this charity than the supply, no applicant having been disappointed in the last four years. The Rector and Churchwardens of St. Michael's Gloucester appoint.

XXXV.—HAMPSHIRE.—PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL  
CHARITIES

*Address*—THE TOWN CLERK, TOWN HALL, PORTSMOUTH.

(N.B.—*The Borough Treasurer*, ARTHUR E. BONE, ESQ.,  
PORTSMOUTH, *is also concerned in the management  
of the Charity.*)

*Grants Annuities to 19 blind persons.*

GEORGE J. SCALE, by his Will, bequeathed the sum of £20,000 in the year 1901 to the Mayor and Corporation of Portsmouth to be invested and the interest thereon paid to blind persons of both sexes in pensions of £30 a year. They must be of good moral character, 30 years of age at least, in necessitous circumstances ; born in Hants, resident there at the time of their election, and for the five years immediately preceding.

The Corporation of Portsmouth elects the pensioners.

XXXVI.—*HERTFORDSHIRE*.—BENJAMIN COLLETT'S  
CHARITY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

*Address*—JOSEPH HIGHT BLUNDELL, ESQ. (*Trustee*),  
HERNE FARM, TODDINGTON, BEDS.

*Grants Annuities to 4 blind persons.*

BENJAMIN COLLETT by his Will, dated May 7, 1813, bequeathed a sum now represented by £472 10s. Consols, in trust to pay the income to or for 4 blind persons with preference to residents in or near Hemel Hempstead. There is no limit as to age.

Each annuitant at present receives £2 19s. per annum. Payments are made half-yearly.

XXXVII.—KENT.—MRS. ELIZABETH DENWARD'S  
CHARITY TO THE BLIND OF KENT

*Address*—REV. W. A. NEWMAN (*Trustee*),  
THE RECTORY, UPPER HARDRES, NEAR CANTERBURY.

*Grants Annuities to 12 blind persons.*

MRS. ELIZABETH DENWARD, by her will, dated July 9, 1805, founded this Charity for 12 poor blind persons, inhabitants of the county of Kent. The endowment for the Blind consists of £1800 Consols invested in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, and the income arising therefrom was £45 in the year ending December 31, 1909.

The Rector and Churchwardens of Upper Hardres-cum-Stelling appoint.

Each Annuitant receives £3 15s. a year.

XXXVIII. — *LANCASHIRE*. — LIVERPOOL WORKSHOPS AND HOME TEACHING SOCIETY FOR THE OUT-DOOR BLIND

CORNWALLIS STREET, LIVERPOOL.

*Address*—C. HARTLEY, ESQ. (*Manager*).

*Grants Annuities to 8 blind persons.*

THE CORNWALLIS STREET BLIND ANNUITY FUND in connexion with the above grants pensions to such Workpeople employed in the Liverpool Workshops for the Out-Door Blind as may become, through age, accident, or infirmity, disqualified for work.

The Management of the Fund is entrusted to a Committee of eight, namely: a President and four Ladies and three Gentlemen, all members of the General Committee of the Cornwallis Street Workshop.

The vacancies in this Committee, as they arise, are filled up by the remaining members with the consent of the nominees of the workpeople.

The entire income of the fund—arising from the Investments or Annual Subscriptions, in each year—is available for Annuities; but, in the event of the whole income, in any year, not being disposed of in the payment of Annuities, it is competent for the Committee either to add the unexpected balance to the capital of the fund, and invest it therewith or retain it for the purpose of granting occasional relief to such

workpeople, in the employ of the Workshops for the Blind, as they shall consider to be in need and worthy of assistance.

The Committee have full power to frame all regulations as to the amount of Annuities to be granted, and the conditions on which they shall be granted ; also to make such alterations in or additions to them as they may, from time to time, deem requisite.

There are a few Donations and Subscriptions (about £32), but the income is mainly derived from investments of the total value of between £4000 and £5000. These include £630 Liverpool Gas B Stock ; £2000 Birkenhead Brewery Co. Debentures ; £1300 India 3 per cent. Stock ; £300 2½ per cent. ditto and sums in Consols, Dock Board Annuities and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co.

Several annuitants have recently died, and at present there are eight in all receiving from 3s. to 8s. weekly.

XXXIX.—LANCASHIRE.—HENSHAW'S BLIND  
ASYLUM, MANCHESTER

1 ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MANCHESTER.

*Address*—JOHN R. BURNE, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Makes Weekly Grants to 55 blind persons.*

This Institution granted to ex-pupils and outside blind cases in the year ending December 31, 1908, the sum of £646 14s. 3d. as against over £701 in the previous year. The maximum grant is 5s. a week or thereabouts. The numbers have been lately gradually reduced by death, and the Committee are not considering any new grants at present owing to lack of funds.

THE JAMES HOLDEN TRUST. On June 21, 1905 a Donation of £10,000 was given to the Institution by the Trustees of the late James Holden, Esq. of Rochdale to be held by the Trustees of Henshaw's Blind Asylum in trust to permit the income to be applied by the Board of Governors of the Asylum in payment of pensions, or for the general maintenance of the Asylum, on the understanding that poor blind persons, or pensioners, from or residing in the County Borough of Rochdale, or the Urban Districts of Littleborough, Milnrow, Norden, Wardle and Whitworth, and who shall in other respects conform to the regulations of the said Asylum for the time being, shall, other things being



equal, have a prior claim on the said income to an extent not exceeding one-half of such income.

This gift was invested in the following month in £2000 3½ per cent. India Stock, £1756 18s. 6d. 4 per cent. Victoria Inscribed Stock, £3000 3½ per cent. Bristol Corporation Stock and £3000 3½ per cent. Newcastle-on-Tyne Stock.

A sum is paid over annually to the Rochdale and District Society for Visiting and Instructing the Blind (q.v.), and is distributed by that Society in the form of pensions on behalf of the Holden Trust. In the year ending December 31, 1908, the amount so paid over was £158 12s.

**XL.—LANCASHIRE.—ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT  
SOCIETY FOR VISITING AND INSTRUCTING  
THE BLIND**

*Address*—GEORGE L. COLLINS, ESQ. (*Hon. Treasurer*), WEST HILL, ROCHDALE, or MISS LYDIA P. KEMP (*Hon. Secretary*), OLD FALINGE, ROCHDALE.

*Distributes Annuities to 24 blind persons.*

This Society, whose title sufficiently indicates its purpose, has no large funds of its own, but acts as almoner in the matter of the Rochdale grants from the Holden Trust, a full account of which is given under Henshaw's Blind Asylum, Manchester (q.v.).

Seventeen blind men and women have up to the end of the year been granted relief from this fund in amounts varying from two shillings to five shillings a week, the total weekly sum amounting to £3 1s. The Ladies of the Committee who visit the blind act as almoners, and pay the money over in monthly instalments.

The Rochdale and District Society during the year ending December 31, 1908, acted as almoner in respect of a total sum of £234 12s. of which £158 12s. was derived from the Holden Trust, and the remaining £76 from pensions granted to individuals by Gardner's Trust, the Clothworkers' and Painters' Companies, &c., which have been listed under their respective sources. The Rochdale and District Society supplemented these pensions to the extent of £17 2s. and expended about £20 in providing other pensions.

XLI.—*LANCASHIRE*.—ROSSENDALE SOCIETY FOR  
VISITING AND INSTRUCTING THE BLIND

*Address*—EVELYN H. COLLINGE (*Hon. Corresponding Sec.*),  
BLAIRMORE, 264 ROCHDALE ROAD, BACUP.

*Grants pensions to 6 blind persons.*

The objects of this Society, founded in 1890, are regular visitation and home teaching for the Blind, the prevention of blindness, assistance to the Blind in the shape of medical treatment and glasses, instruction in chair seating, massage, and boot repairing, a free library, and general helpfulness.

Some years ago a legacy came to the Society which, along with surplus cash from the general account, was invested; the amount is £1000, and the interest, about £36 per annum, is paid out in pensions of 10s. per month to six pensioners. Elections take place half yearly in April and October. Any person who has received Parish Relief is debarred from the benefits of this fund.

XLII.—*LEICESTERSHIRE*.—MISS SARAH BARLOW'S  
CHARITY FOR BLIND WOMEN, LEICESTER

*Address*—MESSRS. WILSHIRE, BALDWIN & CO. (*Clerks to the  
Trustee*), 1 WELFORD ROAD, LEICESTER

*Makes Grants to 10 blind women.*

SARAH BARLOW, Spinster, by her Will, proved July 17, 1886, left a sum represented by £3500 Consols now standing in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, the interest thereon to be applied for the benefit of such ten totally blind women of good character, for the time being resident in the town and county of Leicester, as the Trustees appointed by the Testator should in their own discretion think fit. The Ladies' Committee of the Leicester Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind recommends cases to the Trustee. Usually the same blind woman does not receive the benefit twice in succession. The amount received by the ten women varies, but in 1908 they received £8 15s. each in half yearly payments of £4 7s. 6d. The amount received in dividends was £87 10s.

XLIII.—NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—GEORGE PHILLIPS'  
CHARITY, NORTHAMPTON

*Address*—FREDERIC ELLEN, ESQ. (*Trustee*),  
13 MARKET SQUARE, NORTHAMPTON.

*Grants Annuities to 4 blind persons.*

GEORGE PHILLIPS of 61 Lorne Road, Northampton, retired Licensed Victualler; by his Will, proved December 21, 1899, left his residuary estate to found the above Charity. The testator named 5s. a week as the amount of the Pensions, but there were so many applicants that the Trustees decided to pay four persons 2s. 6d. each weekly instead of paying two persons 5s. weekly. A scheme has now been drawn up by the Charity Commissioners. There are a number of Trustees, who include representatives of the County Council of Northampton, the Borough Council of Northampton, and the Executive Committee of the Northampton and County Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind.

The property of the Trust consists of £1000, invested in a mortgage on lands situate near Northampton, the income from which is £40 per annum: this is subject to a payment of £13 per annum to the testator's mother. There is also a small amount uninvested, and after the death of two persons who have a life interest certain other moneys, less than £1000 in all, will accrue to the Trust.

By the scheme pensioners shall be indigent blind persons of good character, who have resided in the Town or County of Northampton for not less than two years next preceding the time of their appointment, who have not during the past year received Poor-law relief other than medical relief, and who from age, ill-health, accident or infirmity, are, wholly or in part, unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions.

They are to receive not *more* than 5s. a week by weekly or other periodical payments as the Trustees may think fit, and the Trustees instead of paying the whole amount of the stipend to any of the pensioners may from time to time expend the whole or any portion for their benefit as they think fit.

Where claims are equal preference to be given to applicants longest resident in the area.

Each pension to be granted for three years and may be prolonged for other like terms.

The receipt of Parish relief, bad conduct, &c., will disqualify

XLIV.—NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—CLIFTON'S  
CHARITY, OUNDLE

*Address*—T. S. MAWDESLEY, ESQ. (*Clerk to the Feoffees*),  
OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

*Grants Annuities to 2 blind persons.*

JOHN CLIFTON, by his Will, dated January 29, 1723, bequeathed £300, to be paid after the decease of his sister Elizabeth Goodliffe, to the Feoffees of the Town Estates in Oundle, and he desired that the interest should be applied by the Feoffees for the benefit of two poor blind people, parishioners of and inhabitants in Oundle, the Feoffees deducting 10s. yearly for their agent, for doing the business and publicly passing the accounts at the yearly vestry meeting held on St. Stephen's Day; and the testator desired that the names of the poor persons should be mentioned at the said meeting, and that the receipts and payments of the said money should be entered in a book to be kept by the Feoffees; provided that if there should be only one such blind object of charity, the Feoffees should, after making the above deduction, pay half the interest to such poor blind person, and distribute the other half among such of the old men resident in Sir William Laxton's Hospital in Oundle, as the Feoffees should think most in need of it, and in such shares as they should think proper; and in case there should be no such real blind object of charity as aforesaid,



then the whole of the interest, after such deduction as aforesaid, should be distributed by the Feoffees among such of the old men in the said hospital, and in such manner as before directed concerning the half part thereof.

The Charity took effect in or about the year 1785, upon the death of the testator's sister, and the sum of £300 was thereupon secured by the Feoffees of the Town Estates upon property in the town of Oundle, by indenture of assignment of mortgage on December 27, 1785. The £300 is now invested in £330 *gs. 6d.* India 3 per cent. Stock and the dividends, viz. £9 18s. 3*d.*, subject to a deduction of 10s. a year, are applied according to the directions of the testator, each annuitant receiving about £4 14s. The accounts relating to the charity are regularly passed as directed by the will. There is no limit of age.

XLV.—OXFORDSHIRE.—HENLEY-ON-THAMES  
MUNICIPAL CHARITIES.

*Address*—J. F. COOPER, ESQ. (*Clerk*), CLERK'S OFFICE,  
HENLEY-ON-THAMES.

*Grant an annuity to 1 blind person.*

MRS. AMY TURNER of Wooburn, Bucks, widow, by her Will, dated January 29, 1835, bequeathed to the Treasurer for the time being of the Society for the Relief of the Blind at Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire the sum of £100 for the benefit of that institution. It was understood that no such Society as that named by the Donor was in existence, and on March 7, 1838, Messrs. Thomas Gibbons and Robert Colbourn, the Executors of Mrs. Turner, paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation of Henley the sum of £89 6s. 6d., being the balance of the above legacy after deducting the legacy duty of £10 and 13s. 6d. for their expenses.

The Corporation subsequently made up the amount of the legacy to a sum now represented by £170 Consols, the added amount being obtained from the income of property at West Tilbury, Essex, being one of the Charities administered by them. The annual dividend arising therefrom, amounting to £4 7s. 4d.; is paid in quarterly amounts of £1 1s. 10d. to a poor blind man living in Henley to whom the amount has been voted. Under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners of August 3, 1886, the Henley Charity Trustees were constituted a body to administer the Charities of the town as successors for the purpose of the old Corporation of Henley.

XLVI.—OXFORDSHIRE.—OXFORD MUNICIPAL  
CHARITIES

(HAYNES' AND WOODINGTON'S)

*Address*—HENRY GALPIN, ESQ. (*Clerk*),  
4 GEORGE STREET, OXFORD.

*Grants Annuities to 6 blind persons.*

WILLIAM HAYNES, by his Will, dated September 8, 1806, left a sum afterwards represented by £1266 13s. 4d. Consols, the produce to be divided between 4 poor blind persons of either sex of Oxford or the neighbourhood, for life.

ELIZABETH WOODINGTON, by her Will, dated April 21, 1875, left a sum afterwards represented by £271 12s. 6d. Consols, the income to be applied in the same way as Haynes' Charity, for one blind person of either sex, preference to St. Ebbe's Parish.

A new scheme dated January 22, 1884 (with amending schemes dated March 6, 1894, December 21, 1900, and December 23, 1903) provides for the Municipal Charities of Oxford, including Haynes' and Woodington's Charities. By the scheme five annuities of 8s. to 10s. a week each, with a preference for the Blind, were established. In default of candidates qualified by blindness, the Trustees may appoint persons duly qualified in other respects. The scheme also provides that any balance on another portion of the Oxford Municipal Charities may be used for the purposes of these annuities or vice versâ.

Four annuitants now receive 7s. a week each or £18 4s.

per annum and two annuitants receive £9 10s. per annum. On the deaths of the present holders of these two latter annuities their value will be raised to £18 4s. each.

Applicants must be poor blind persons of good character, who shall not for the three years preceding the time of grant have received Poor Law relief, and who are unable to maintain themselves, and who shall have resided for the five years preceding their appointment in the City of Oxford.

There is no limit of age.

£91 16s. seems to have been distributed to the blind annuitants in 1909.

XLVII.—STAFFORDSHIRE.—ALICE FENTON'S  
CHARITY

*Address*—EUSTACE JOY, ESQ., M.A. (*Clerk of the County Council*), COUNTY BUILDINGS, STAFFORD.

*Grants an Annuity to 1 blind person.*

ALICE FENTON by her Will, dated September 25, 1782, left a yearly sum of £5 4s. for some unfortunate person residing within the County of Stafford visited with blindness. A Rent-charge issuing out of one undivided twelfth part of Cheddleton Grange Farm in the Ancient Parish of Cheddleton forms the endowment upon which this Charity is a charge, and by a scheme, dated November 12, 1907, this Rent-charge was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands. A body of five Estate Trustees appointed by the scheme receive in the first instance the gross income and pay over, in respect of the Charity of Alice Fenton, a yearly sum of £5 4s. (subject to any proper deduction for expenses of management) to the County Trustees who consist of the Staffordshire County Council. The County Council apply the sum for the benefit of a deserving and necessitous blind person *bonâ fide* resident in the County of Stafford.

The County Council appoint. There is at present no annuitant of this charity ; the question of a suitable case is under consideration.

XLVIII.—*SUFFOLK*.—IPSWICH AND SUFFOLK INSTITUTION FOR PROVIDING RELIEF AND ADDITIONAL COMFORT TO THE BLIND

*Address*—DR. LOCKE (*Hon. Secretary*),  
8 NORTHGATE STREET, IPSWICH.

*Grants Annuities to 13 blind persons.*

This Charity was founded about the year 1874. It is not, as its title might be taken to imply, a residential home or school, but a Society, the object of which is the relief and additional comfort of the Blind of Suffolk. The Committee employ a blind visitor who gives instruction to the Blind in Moon type, and also in chair caning and netting at their own homes. Pensioners are for life if they continue to reside in Ipswich, or under special circumstances in Suffolk (i.e., if when elected, and for some time after, they live in Ipswich).

The Pensions are paid weekly.

The income of the Charity in 1907 was from Subscriptions and Donations, £48; from Dividends, £15.

XLIX.—SUSSEX.—FULLER'S CHARITY TO THE  
BLIND OF SUSSEX

*Address*—REV. CHARLES H. S. MATTHEWS (*Trustee*),  
THE RECTORY, CATSFIELD, SUSSEX.

*Grants Annuities to 6 blind persons.*

JOHN FULLER, by deed, before the year 1795, founded this Charity, to be distributed to six poor blind persons of the County of Sussex. It derives its income (£60) from an Annual Rent-charge. The six annuitants receive nearly £10 each per annum. The annuities are paid monthly by the Trustees personally, where practicable, and in other cases through some reliable person who resides at the same place as the annuitant, acting for the Trustees. All the annuitants are occasionally visited by the Trustees, who are the Rector and Churchwardens of Catsfield, and a report upon each year's administration of this Charity is presented by them at the annual Easter Vestry.



L.—WARWICKSHIRE.—BIRMINGHAM ROYAL INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND

CARPENTER ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

*Address*—GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY.

*Grants Annuities to 2 blind persons.*

THE HENRY STAINSBY PENSION FUND for the Blind has been founded to perpetuate the name of Mr. Henry Stainsby, who was connected with the Institution for over 28 years (1880–1908), the last ten years as General Superintendent and Secretary.

The object of this Fund is to grant pensions and monetary benefits to deserving blind persons who are in need.

The Committee of the General Institution for the Blind, Birmingham, or a Sub-Committee appointed by them has the disposal and management of all moneys given or bequeathed to or received for the Henry Stainsby Pension Fund.

All moneys given or bequeathed to or received for the Fund, will be applied as directed by the donors, and subject thereto moneys other than those given or bequeathed by way of annual subscription, will be invested in one or more of the securities mentioned in Law XI of the General Laws of the Institution, or in Debentures or Preference Shares of Companies formed under the Companies Act.

The income from the Fund, including annual subscriptions, unless otherwise directed, and moneys specially directed

to be treated as income, will be applied (a) in granting one or more pensions of not less than £6 per annum, nor as a rule of more than £12 per annum, payable at intervals of not more than one calendar month, and (b) in granting monetary benefits of such amounts, to be paid in such sums and at such intervals as the Committee shall determine.

Applicants of any age and of either sex, from any part of England and Wales who are totally blind, or practically so, and who are, in the opinion of the Committee, thoroughly deserving and in real need of assistance, are eligible for grants of pensions or monetary benefits from the Fund.

Preference is given to those applicants who have been members of the staff or pupils of the Institution, outworkers in the Trading Department of the Institution, or persons enrolled on the register of the Adult Blind Branch of the Institution.

All grants of pensions or monetary benefits will from time to time be made by the Committee at their sole discretion.

All pensions are subject to revision annually. On any revision the pensioner's existing circumstances will be taken into consideration, and particularly whether he or she has attained the age entitling him or her to a Government Old Age Pension. The pension may be increased or decreased at the direction of the Committee according to the circumstances of the pensioner for the time being.

Applicants for pensions or monetary benefits may be disqualified, or a pension may be repealed or a monetary benefit, which is spread over a period, may be withdrawn and all further payments withheld by reason of the applicant, pensioner, or recipient of such monetary benefit having intermarried with a blind person or being in receipt of parish relief (unless the consent of the Guardians be obtained that the relief will not be withdrawn if the pension or monetary benefit be continued), or having done or suffered anything whereby

the periodical payments became payable to any person other than the original pensioner, or recipient, or for begging, drunkenness, playing musical instruments in the street or in public-houses, or for such other misconduct or adequate cause as in the opinion of the Committee would justify them in declining to grant or in withholding the payment of such pension or monetary benefit.

No alteration of these laws can be made, except with the consent of a majority of at least two-thirds of the Committee of the General Institution for the Blind present at a special meeting of the Committee, at a date on which 14 clear days' notice, of the intention to propose such alterations, shall have been given to each member of the Committee.

The general Laws for the management of the Henry Stainsby Fund were approved by the Committee of the Institution, January 4, 1909.

The first distribution under this scheme was made on Monday, January 24, 1910.

# LI.—WORCESTERSHIRE.—WORCESTER MUNICIPAL CHARITIES

*Address*—THE TOWN CLERK, GUILDHALL, WORCESTER.

DR. CORBETT, of Droitwich, who died in 1906, by his will bequeathed the sum of £10,000 to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Worcester, to be invested and held by them in perpetuity, as Trustees, for the purpose of granting 20 pensions of £12 10s. a year to such of the blind poor in the City or County of Worcester as shall be of good moral character and shall have resided in the County for 5 years.

The estate is being administered in Chancery and the legacy has not yet been received.

LII.—YORKSHIRE.—BRADFORD INCORPORATED  
INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND

NORTH PARADE, BRADFORD.

*Address*—MILES PRIESTLEY, ESQ. (*Manager and Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 32 blind persons.*

JOHN HARRISON of Bath by his Will left his residuary estate to his Executors to be divided by them at their discretion among charities for the relief of the poor Blind. In the year 1884 a sum of £3000 was allotted to the Bradford Institution for the Blind by the Court of Chancery at the instance of the Executors. The fund was augmented by a further sum of £970 19s. 5d. in 1890 from the same estate and by Mrs. Harriet Woods' Bequest of £100, given in 1892 by Sidney Waddington, Esq., one of the trustees of her will, in the exercise of his sole discretion.

The sum of £970 19s. 5d. above mentioned was made up to £1000 out of the funds of the Institution, and the whole sum was invested on mortgage of the site and buildings of the Institution at 4 per cent., secured by deed dated May 1, 1886, and made between the Trustees of the Institution and the Trustees of the John Harrison Fund. The Fund is treated as a separate charity. The income is supplemented from the general funds of the Institution and is applied under the direction of the Ladies' Committee of the Institution.

The actual administration is in the hands of four lady

administrators, who form a kind of sub-committee of the Ladies' Committee for the purpose of election of pensioners and payment of pensions.

The Applicants must be blind persons of good character, who have resided for the last five years in the City of Bradford.

The Committee have power to grant annuities for any period not exceeding three years, but they may at any time reconsider any case, and can in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion, either continue the grant, increase or reduce it, or withdraw the same altogether. No annuitant is entitled to ask or require the reason for any alteration in or withdrawal of the grant.

Should any money accumulate in the hands of the Committee, they may grant smaller sums for special circumstances of relief to blind persons not annuitants.

Applications must be made on printed forms, which can be obtained at the Bradford Incorporated Institution for the Blind. These must be filled up and signed by a Clergyman or Minister, and by a respectable Householder of the Parish wherein the blind person resides, both having known the Applicant, and must be returned to the Ladies' Committee, who then decide upon the eligibility of the application.

The pensions are paid at the Institution by monthly instalments. The amount annually distributed is £170, and the amount of each pension is either £5 or £10.

THE ADA WAUD MEMORIAL FUND for the relief of the poor Blind was founded in 1900 by Percy R. Waud, Esq.

The rules of this Fund are the same as those of the John Harrison Fund.

THE QUEEN VICTORIA PENSION FUND was established in 1897 in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria for assisting the aged and needy blind work-people in connexion with the Bradford Incorporated Institution for the Blind.



The Applicants must be blind persons of good character, who are employed, or who have been employed, at the Bradford Incorporated Institution for the Blind. Preference will generally be given to the Applicants who have been employed at the Institution for the greatest number of years.

The Committee have the power to grant annuities for any period, but the Committee may at any time reconsider any case, and can in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion, either continue the grant, increase or reduce it, or withdraw the same altogether. No annuitant is entitled to ask or require the reason for any alteration in or withdrawal of the grant.

Applications must be made on printed forms, which can be obtained from the Secretary at the Bradford Incorporated Institution for the Blind. These must be filled up and signed by the Applicant, and a respectable Witness, and must be returned to the Ladies' Committee, who will then decide upon the eligibility of the application.

THE MRS. LYTHALL MEMORIAL FUND was established in 1899 with the same objects as the Queen Victoria Pension Fund under identical rules.

THE MISS HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL FUND has since been established with the same objects and rules.



LIII.—YORKSHIRE.—SOCIETY FOR THE HOME  
TEACHING AND ASSISTANCE OF THE HALI-  
FAX BLIND, HALIFAX

*Address*—JAMES CLARKSON, ESQ. (*Hon. Sec.*), SOLICITOR,  
HALIFAX.

*Grants Pensions to 30 blind persons.*

The object of this Society, which was founded in 1887, is to visit the Blind at their own homes, to give them instruction, and when possible, to find them employment.

Six blind persons are receiving pensions of 2s. a week, thirteen receive 1s. 6d. a week, and eleven receive 1s. a week.

LIV.—YORKSHIRE.—MISS IRVING'S CHARITY FOR  
THE AGED BLIND, HALIFAX

*Address*—GEORGE CRABTREE, ESQ. (*Trustee*), 28 LISTER LANE,  
HALIFAX.

*Made Grants in 1909 to 10 blind persons.*

ANNE IRVING, late of 12 College Terrace, Halifax, spinster, by her Will dated March 23, 1885, and proved in London, October 22, 1888, bequeathed one-fifth of the residue of her property to the aged Blind in the parish of Halifax. She stated that she would be glad if it could be applied towards a home for them.

The amount applicable to the Blind Charity under the Will amounted to £106 2s. 3d. Pursuant to an Order dated February 20, 1891, this sum having been invested in the purchase of £109 7s. 10d. Consols, the same was on March 2, 1891, transferred into the name of the Official Trustees and upon the application of the Trustees, a scheme under the Charitable Trusts Acts, dated September 22, 1891, was subsequently made. By the scheme, three Trustees were appointed, all being of Halifax.

In case any house or institution shall be provided in the parish of Halifax having for its object or one of its objects the reception or benefit of the aged blind in the parish of Halifax, the capital endowment of the Charity, or any part thereof, may, with the sanction of the Commissioners, be

applied towards defraying the cost of the provision of such house or institution. But meantime the yearly income, after meeting the expenses of management, is to be applied in such manner as the Trustees may think fit, for the benefit of poor blind persons of good character, of not less than 50 years of age, resident for the time being in the parish of Halifax, and not in receipt of poor-law relief, and the Trustees may, if they so think fit, pay over such yearly income from time to time, to any Society established in the parish of Halifax, for the teaching and assistance of such blind persons.

The annual income of the Charity amounts to £3.

The Trustees did not make any distribution for some years. Last year they gave sums of money or goods to ten blind persons (two men and eight women), the amount per head being about £1.

LV.—YORKSHIRE.—HARRIET HAIGH'S CHARITY,  
ARMITAGE BRIDGE, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD

*Address*—REV. G. C. B. MADDEN (*Trustee*),  
ARMITAGE BRIDGE VICARAGE, HUDDERSFIELD.

*Grants Annual Gifts to 7 blind persons.*

HARRIET HAIGH, of Robin Hood Hill, Berry Brow, near Huddersfield, spinster, who was herself blind, by her Will dated March 7, 1889, proved in the Principal Registry, July 11, 1896, bequeathed all her personalty to the Vicar of the Parish Church of St. Paul's, Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield; upon trust to invest the same, the annual income arising therefrom to be distributed amongst or applied for the benefit of persons afflicted with blindness (at the absolute discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of that church). Without in any way restricting their absolute discretion as to the distribution or application of the income, it was her wish that blind persons resident in the said parish of St. Paul's, Armitage Bridge, and the townships of Crosland and Honley should be preferred, and that a distribution should be made on December 21 in each year.

The net amount available under the Will for the purposes of the Charity amounted to £123 3s. 5d. which was paid over to the Rev. G. C. B. Madden who invested it (except a small amount of £20 3s. 10d. in the Yorkshire Penny Bank) in the purchase of £100 First Mortgage Debenture Peter Reid & Sons,

Ltd. An objection was taken to the investment by the Charity Commissioners. The income from the Trust is now about £4 10s. The Rev. G. C. B. Madden divides the income among the respectable Blind of the localities indicated and sends to the Vicars of Honley and South Crosland their proportion for distribution. This year there are only seven recipients in all, viz. five in the Parish of Honley, one in that of South Crosland and one in that of Armitage Bridge, but the amount generally averages about 10s. each.

LVI.—YORKSHIRE.—UNITED INSTITUTION FOR THE  
BLIND AND THE DEAF AND DUMB

UPPER ALBION STREET, LEEDS.

*Address*—J. B. MEESON, ESQ. (*Superintendent, Blind  
Department*).

*Grants Annuities to 3 blind persons.*

The above Institution, founded for the Blind in 1866, provides workshops and industrial training for the Blind of both sexes. It visits the Blind in their homes, instructs them in the Scriptures and reading, and relieves their temporal necessities. It has a lending library of Braille and Moon type books. Pensions are only given to local cases as necessity arises, and at present only 3 of £5 a year each are granted: 27 persons also receive 1s. to 3s. a week casual relief which may be withdrawn at any time.

LVII.—YORKSHIRE.—SHEFFIELD INSTITUTION FOR  
THE BLIND

57-59 WEST STREET, SHEFFIELD.

*Address*—SAMUEL MADDOCKS, ESQ. (*Superintendent*).

*Grants weekly pensions to 10 blind persons.*

The Committee have power to invest legacies or donations to the Institution, or any surplus income of the Institution, in the names of not less than three Trustees and to apply the income arising from such investments to the payment of pensions.

Applicants must be poor blind persons, above the age of 21 years, of good character, who, from age, ill-health, accident or infirmity, are wholly or in part unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions, and who have been resident in Sheffield not less than five years prior to making application for a pension.

The Committee have uncontrolled power and discretion at any time to suspend, diminish or discontinue the payment of any pension when any circumstances appear to them to render it expedient so to do.

In no single case will the pension exceed the sum of £26 per annum.

Persons living by mendicity or itinerant musicians loafing in public places will not be eligible for a pension.

Investigation of the character and circumstances of every applicant for a pension is made before any pension is granted, and every application for a pension must be made on a form provided for the purpose by the Committee.

Canvassing by candidates for a pension is strictly prohibited.



LVIII.—YORKSHIRE.—WHITBY TRUST FOR  
THE BLIND

*Address*—THOMAS WARTERS, ESQ. (*Hon. Secretary*),  
FLOWERGATE, WHITBY.

*Grants Annuities to 7 blind persons.*

The above Trust, originated by Mr. Alfred Hirst, was started in 1905 by a bequest of £50 from the late Mrs. Wray of Grape Lane.

The sum of £620 7s. 6d. was collected and invested in the purchase of £568 2s. 4d. Queensland 3 per cent. Stock 1922-47 and £127 9s. 9d. Metropolitan 3 per cent. Consolidated Stock.

From the above funded capital three pensions are paid. There are five Trustees, of whom Mr. Alfred Hirst, who has been the pioneer of work for the Blind in Whitby, is one.

The Marquis of Normanby kindly gives two additional pensions, Mr. Alfred Hirst one, and the Marchioness of Normanby one. Pensioners must for the time being be ordinarily resident in the area of the rural and urban district of Whitby.

The pensioners receive £5 5s. each per annum.

## LIX.—YORKSHIRE.—YORK EMANUEL

*Address*—JOHN EDMUND JONES, ESQ. (*Treasurer and Secretary*),  
1 MARKET STREET, YORK.

*Grants Annuities to 30–35 blind persons.*

This Charity was founded in 1781, for the benefit of ministers of all denominations in the United Kingdom and their wives, widows, and children who are blind or nearly blind or idiotic. Payments are made half-yearly in February and August.

The Annuities are never less than £10 or more than £20. Applicants are to transmit a true statement of their case in writing to the Secretary before one of the general meetings of the governors, which are held at York half-yearly on the second Thursdays in April and October. The statement must be authenticated by a Justice of the Peace and two ministers of the neighbourhood, and must be accompanied by a medical certificate giving full particulars of the case.

The endowment of this Charity consists of £647 19s. 8d. Consols and £16,000 N.E.R. Irredeemable 3 per cent. Debenture Stock, and the income for the year ending December 1909 was £496 4s.

LX.—YORKSHIRE.—DOROTHY WILSON'S CHARITY,  
YORK

*Address*—E. S. COX, ESQ. (*Clerk to the Trustees*),  
3 NEW STREET, YORK.

*Grants Annuities to 5 blind persons.*

DOROTHY WILSON, of York, spinster, who died in 1717, by her Will, dated January 20, 1710, devised all her messuages lands and hereditaments situate in the City of York and elsewhere unto Trustees to pay unto three poor blind men or women successively for ever the sum of 40s. apiece per annum out of the profits of the said premises, to be paid to them quarterly.

The number of blind persons partaking of the Charity under the direction of the will was increased in 1819 from three to seven; and the allowance to each person which had previously been £4 was advanced to £7.

By a scheme of the Court of Chancery dated February 19, 1834, it was directed that there should in future be 8 pensioners each receiving £8 per annum by equal quarterly payments. Persons benefiting under the scheme to be resident in the City or suburbs of York. The Trustees appoint, and the pensioners are to be for life, subject to removal by the Trustees for adequate cause.

The property of the Charity consists of real estate and a sum invested in India 3 per cent. Stock.

LXI.—YORKSHIRE.—YORKSHIRE SCHOOL FOR  
THE BLIND

KING'S MANOR HOUSE, YORK.

*Address*—A. B. NORWOOD, ESQ. (*Superintendent*).

*Makes Special Grants to 20 blind persons.*

MRS. SPENCER MARKHAM, who for many years before her death had taken a deep interest in the Pupils of the Yorkshire School for the Blind, raised a fund in the year 1866, by means of Donations and Subscriptions from friends of the Blind in the County, for the purpose of aiding former pupils of the School to establish themselves in positions of independent industry.

The fund makes occasional grants to help former pupils in times of difficulty caused by want of materials or tools ; also in times of illness and accident.

The Mrs. Markham Fund for assisting the Blind was invested by Mrs. Markham herself in the names of three Trustees in her lifetime, and from the interest thereof and from annual subscriptions she assisted in various ways many of the former pupils of the School.

In their Declaration of Trust, the Trustees state, that the income shall be applied (on behalf of the pupils who have been educated in the Yorkshire School for the Blind, and have gone home to follow the trade they had been taught, and earn a livelihood for themselves) in manner following :—

By providing apparatus, materials, or tools for those who cannot afford to buy them ; or

By making small grants of money to such of the pupils as are well reported of by the clergyman in whose parish he or she may reside, as a recognition of industrious habits and good conduct ; or

By affording assistance in any case of sickness or accident.

The Trust Fund consists of £800 invested in N.E.R. Preference Stock.

The Yorkshire School for the Blind, which was founded in 1833, has no Pension Fund, but makes the above special grants to former pupils, aged, and other blind persons to meet circumstances of special difficulty. They are in no sense pensions or annual grants, and when any such grant is renewed the circumstances are carefully reviewed upon a distinct and new application.

A resolution is passed annually at the meeting of Governors as follows :—

‘ That until the next Annual Meeting, to the extent of £200, the Committee are empowered, through the Markham Fund and otherwise, to benefit former pupils working in their own homes, and distressed or aged blind men and women in Yorkshire : ’

and it is under the authority of this Annual Resolution that the special Grants are made throughout the year.

Applications for grants may be made to the Very Rev. the Dean of York, and forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Superintendent of the School.

The amount distributed from the Markham Fund last year was £36 4s. 11d.

LXII.—*CARMARTHENSHIRE*.—*CARMARTHENSHIRE*  
BLIND RELIEF SOCIETY

36 SPILMAN STREET, CARMARTHEN.

*Address*—MRS. E. R. WILLIAMS (*Hon. Treasurer and Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 23 blind persons.*

This Society was founded in 1860 by the late Mrs. Naomi Morgan. It received a legacy of £50 under the will of Evan Vaughan dated March 27, 1891. It is, however, supported almost entirely by voluntary subscriptions, and has at present 9 pensioners receiving 5s. monthly (£3 per annum), 14 pensioners receiving 2s. 6d. monthly (£1 10s. per annum).

The Society has also during the past year been enabled to benefit 16 blind persons in the Borough of Carmarthen by gifts of blankets, clothing, coal, &c. Applicants for Pensions must be resident in the county of Carmarthen, blind, in poverty, and of good character.

A gratuity of a few shillings is given to each pensioner every Christmas.

If funds admit, the pensions of those receiving 2s. 6d. a month are increased to 5s.

The total income of the Charity last year was £54 6s. 3d.

LXIII.—GLAMORGANSHIRE.—CARDIFF INSTITUTE  
FOR THE BLIND

GLOSSOP ROAD, CARDIFF.

*Address*—DAVID A. R. JEFFREY, ESQ. (*Secretary*).

*Grants Annuities to 7 blind persons.*

MISS SHAND, Foundress of the above institution, formed the Shand Memorial Fund in 1886. She left £1000 in the hands of its Trustees to be expended in small pensions of not less than £5 nor more than £10 per annum. Applicants must be of good character and at work in the institution.

Seven annuitants receive 25s. a quarter.



LXIV.—PEMBROKESHIRE.—PEMBROKESHIRE  
BLIND RELIEF SOCIETY, HAVERFORDWEST

*Address*—MISS M. EVANS (*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*),  
5 HILL STREET, HAVERFORDWEST.

*Grants Annuities to 18 blind persons.*

This charity was founded in 1861. Applicants must live in Pembrokeshire and be recommended by the clergyman or the district visitor of the Parish. They must be blind, aged, and unable to support themselves.

The Annuitants receive 5s. per month. The income of the charity is derived from subscriptions, and has been hitherto under £60.



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IN IRELAND



LXV.—IRELAND.—BELFAST SOCIETY FOR HOME  
MISSION WORK AMONG THE BLIND IN IRELAND

*Address*—THE SECRETARY, HOME FOR THE BLIND,  
CLIFTONVILLE, BELFAST.

*Grants Fortnightly Allowances to 27 blind persons.*

The object of this Society, which was founded by its President, Mrs. R. B. Pim, in 1891, is to benefit the Blind in whatever way may appear most suitable to the Committee. There are increasing numbers of blind persons on the roll, 500 at present. The Blind are visited in their own homes, taught to read and write in Braille type, and are helped by small loans and coal tickets, and books are provided for their use. Knitting orders are obtained.

The Association maintains a Home for the Blind.

No yearly pensions have hitherto been given by the Society, but allowances are given fortnightly to those cases which the district missionaries find worthy of relief. These allowances in no case amount to more than 5s. fortnightly.

These amounts are subject to considerable variation, as for various reasons the allowances may be suspended or cease according to the discretion of the President and the members of the Committee, who receive the reports of the missionaries on each case at a weekly meeting, and act as they think best for the benefit of those they seek to aid.

£85 10s. was expended in weekly allowances in 1909.

LXVI.—IRELAND.—ASSOCIATION FOR RELIEF OF  
INDIGENT BLIND AND LENDING LIBRARY, DUBLIN

*Address*—WILLIAM PERRIN, ESQ. (*Hon. Secretary*), 50 LOWER  
SACKVILLE STREET, DUBLIN.

*Grants Weekly Gratuities to 18 blind persons.*

This Association was founded by the late Miss Pettigrew in Marlborough Street in 1857.

The Blind are visited in their own homes, and meet every Monday, at 1 o'clock, at the office of the Association for a meal and to receive their weekly donations, or the advances required by those of them who are basket makers to purchase osiers.

A Christmas dinner is given to the Blind.

The Lending Library is open every Monday from 12 to 2 o'clock, when either the Hon. Secretary or the Librarian is present. This Library is available for all blind persons; it is free to those who are poor, and is open to others on payment of a small subscription. The Library contains a considerable number of sacred and secular volumes in Braille and Moon type.

The Home Teacher, who teaches the Blind to read and write in their own homes, can also teach them type-writing, to enable them to communicate with their friends in ordinary type.

Any Subscriber can recommend a blind man or woman (not a mendicant) as worthy to become a recipient of the weekly gratuities. Particulars of the case should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, and if suitable and deserving, help will be willingly given.

Numbers have lately much increased. £122 2s. was spent in weekly gratuities in 1908.

LXVII.—IRELAND.—NATIONAL INSTITUTION AND  
MOLYNEUX ASYLUM FOR THE FEMALE BLIND  
OF IRELAND, LEESON PARK, DUBLIN

*Address*—HOMAN N. FOSSITT, Esq. (*Secretary*).

*Grants an Annuity to 1 blind woman.*

This Institution, founded in 1815, is a School for the young and a Home for the aged Protestant female Blind of Ireland.

The Executive does not as a rule grant pensions nor has the Institution any special Fund for the purpose. Some time ago one of the inmates left to reside with her friends under special circumstances and the Trustees allow her £12 per annum to help towards her support. It is paid out of the General Fund.



LXVIII.—IRELAND.—ST. JOSEPH'S ASYLUM AND  
SCHOOL FOR MALE BLIND, DRUMCONDRA, DUBLIN

*Address*—JOHN D. JOYCE, ESQ. (*Manager*).

*Grants a pension to 1 blind man.*

This institution (R. C.) founded in 1859 consists of a School for blind boys and workshops.

Two blind men are receiving monthly allowances from the Institution.

CHARITIES WHOSE OFFICES ARE  
IN SCOTLAND



LXIX.—SCOTLAND.—WEBSTER AND DAVIDSON  
MORTIFICATION, DUNDEE

*Address*—THE FACTOR, DUNDEE.

*Inspector for the Fund*.—MR. JOHN GALT, DUNDEE.

*Grants Annuities to 52 blind persons.*

This mortification consists of about £16,000, and the interest thereon is applied half in bursaries for the education of blind children and half in annuities to blind persons 21 years of age and upwards. All Blind residing within a three-miles' radius of Dundee are eligible if not in receipt of an income exceeding £20 per annum or Parochial relief. Thirty-seven persons receive £5 per annum and 15 £10 per annum. Ten of the 37 are in the local Institution for the Blind, Magdalen Green, Dundee, which was founded in 1869.

NOTE.—There are other Funds for which the Blind of Dundee are eligible, viz., Miss Symers' Fund for Indigent Females resident in the town or parish of Dundee; the Mrs. Margaret Petrie or Morton Fund for the maintenance of Aged and Indigent Persons belonging to the town or parish of Dundee; also the Johnstone and Hospital Fund. The latter is a Town Fund for needy and deserving cases from which they get 6s. monthly; the Town Councillors appoint in November and the City Chamberlain pays the pensioners. There are one or two similar smaller mortifications. Many of the Blind of Dundee receive help from these Funds, which are not *specially* for blind people.

The Dundee Mission to the Outdoor Blind (Superintendent, Mr. A. J. Maltman, 23 Castle Street, Dundee), instituted in 1879, watches over the interests of the local Blind and procures assistance for them from the above sources. It has no pension fund of its own.

LXX.—SCOTLAND.—MRS. JANE STOBIE CLARK  
FUND, EDINBURGH

*Address*—MESSRS. FYFE, IRELAND & CO., W.S. (*Agents for the Trustees*), 71 HANOVER STREET, EDINBURGH.

*Grants Annuities to 30 blind women.*

The object of this Fund, which was established in 1885, is to assist blind females requiring help, by means of pensions of £5 a year. Application must be by schedule to be obtained from the Agents. Elections take place annually in November. The management is by Trustees and the income, which is derived from invested funds, is about £140 per annum.

Messrs. Fyfe, Ireland & Co. state that this is a private Trust and that at present there are 30 annuitants on the list at the rate of £5 per annum payable half-yearly.

LXXI.—SCOTLAND.—EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST  
OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY FOR TEACHING THE  
BLIND TO READ

JAMIESON FUND FOR PENSIONS.

*Address*—MESSRS. J. & H. M'KERRELL BROWN & GRAY, C.A.  
(*Secretaries*), 14 RUTLAND SQUARE, EDINBURGH.

*Grants Annuities to 48 blind persons.*

ANDREW JAMIESON and his sister ELIZABETH JAMIESON, of 34 Howe Street, Edinburgh, founded this Fund, and gifted to the Society the residue of their Estate to be expended in Pensions or in other ways ameliorating the condition of the Blind.

Applicants must be resident in Edinburgh or the South-Eastern District of Scotland. Payments are made half-yearly at Whitsunday and Martinmas at the rate of £8 per annum.

LXXII.—SCOTLAND.—ROYAL BLIND ASYLUM AND  
SCHOOL, EDINBURGH

*Address*—GEORGE STOTT (*Manager*), 58 NICOLSON STREET,  
EDINBURGH.

*Grants Annuities or Outdoor Allowances to 138 blind persons.*

This Institution, founded 1793, and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1898, has Workshops and a Factory in Nicolson Street and Schools at West Craigmillar. It grants 11 Pensions of £6, 13 of £5, 42 of £4, and 72 of £3. One Pension of £8 is also given jointly to a family of three blind persons. Applications must be made to the Secretary in March. The pensions are confined to blind persons in Scotland, not being beneficiaries of any Institution for the Blind. The management is by Board of 19 Directors, 12 elected by contributors and one each by seven public bodies.



LXXIII.—SCOTLAND.—MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR  
BLIND FOR GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF  
SCOTLAND

221 BUCHANAN STREET, GLASGOW.

*Address*—J. FREW BRYDEN, ESQ. (*Superintendent*).

*Grants regular monthly aliments to about 80 blind persons.*

The objects of this Association, which was instituted in 1859, are to seek out and visit the Blind at their own homes, to teach them to read and supply them with books in raised types from a Free Lending Library, to assist those who are able to Work to find employment, to give Grants of money to suitable applicants to enable them to commence trading on their own account, and to relieve the Aged and Infirm by provision of monthly aliments and other needed helps.

The Mission visits and helps the Blind in the City of Glasgow and the Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Dum-barton, Bute and Argyll.

1627 blind persons are under the care of the Mission; 834 of these are in the City of Glasgow, and 793 in the different counties visited.

There are Six Missionary Teachers, two of whom are blind, who are regularly engaged under the direction of a Superintendent in carrying out the above objects.

A Free Library of about 6000 volumes in Moon and Braille

types is available to all the Blind within the area of operations.

The sum of £375 18s. was disbursed during the past year in aliments paid monthly. These allowances are given for periods of six months and are revised by the Committee half-yearly. The Missionaries are in close touch with each case and know the circumstances. The amount expended comes partly from invested funds and partly from ordinary income. Legacies are largely used in meeting this and other ordinary expenditure.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was founded about the year 1864 in connexion with this Mission.

The objects of the Ladies' Auxiliary are to promote industrial employment among poor blind females by teaching knitting, &c., supplying material, and assisting to procure or sell work. It visits, reads to, and otherwise aids blind women. It expended the sum of £284 19s. during the year in relief. This was given in amounts of 3s. to 5s. per month to women only, most of whom are engaged in doing a little knitting, and is meant as a small supplement to very slender incomes.

These amounts are not looked upon as Pensions, though usually continued if circumstances require it.

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